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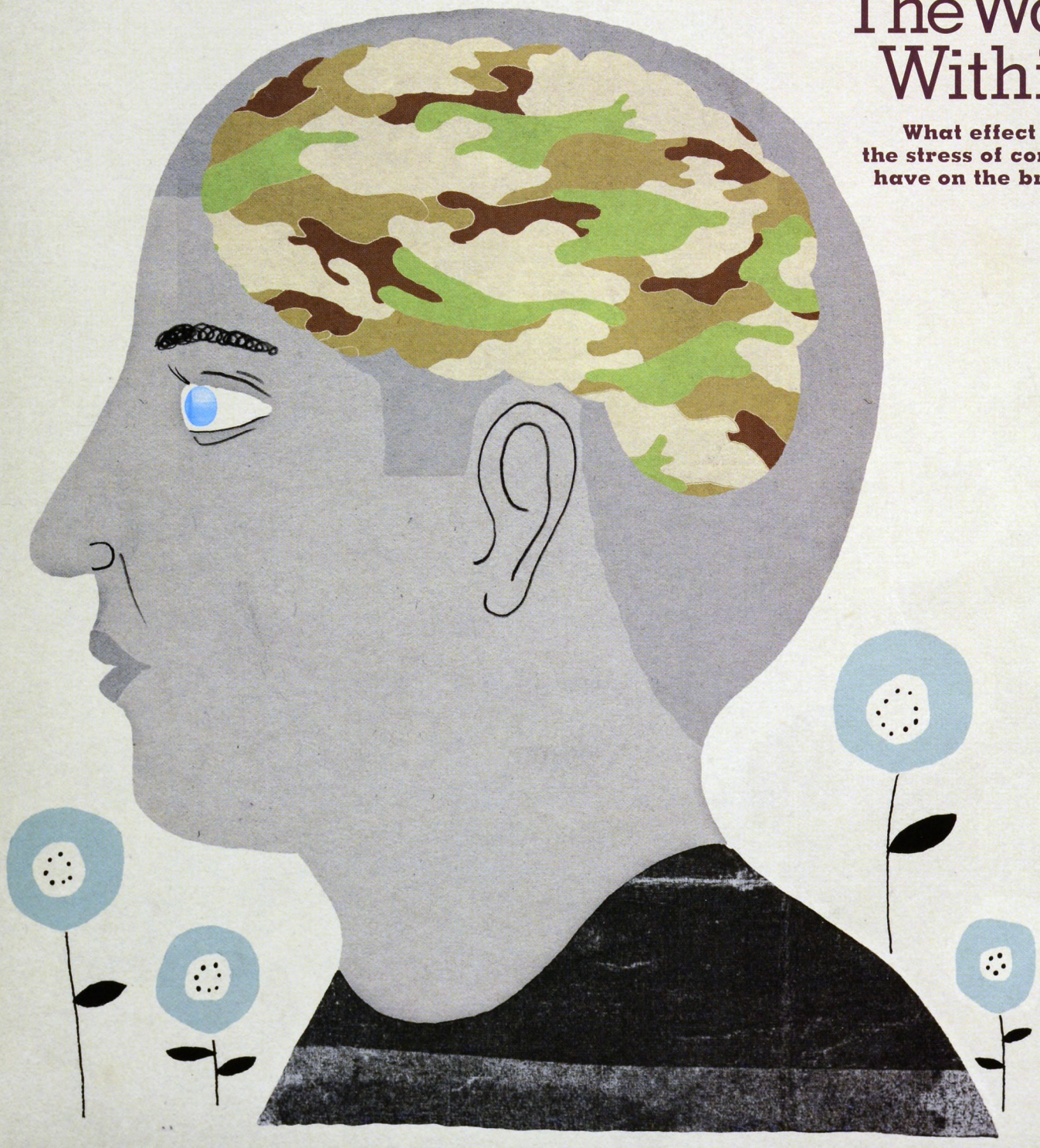

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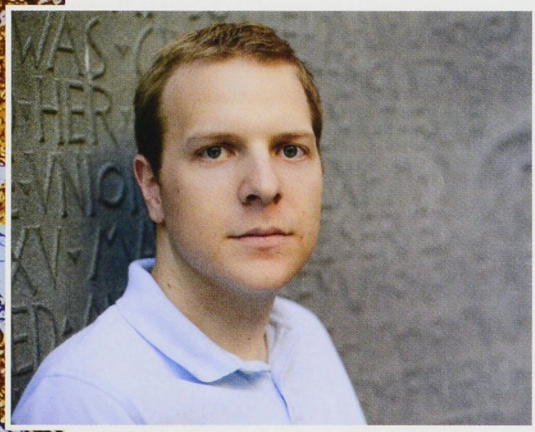

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Patriotic duty propelled Alex Rossmiller '04 toward a job at the Defense Intelligence Agency and a volunteer posting in Iraq. And it was the same patriotism that compelled him to speak out about what he saw.

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"I guess I should draw a map of China."

Alex Baron is standing in front of a large rectangular chalkboard in a spacious second-floor meeting room in the library at Bread Loaf, and he's talking to about a dozen folks who are arrayed around a long conference table (actually six smaller tables pushed together). Most of the people in the room have laptops open, but no one is pecking away at the keys at this moment; they are all focused intently on the young man in jeans and a windbreaker, who is in the midst of crudely sketching the world's largest country.

"This is an awful depiction, but you'll get the idea," he says, as he begins tracing China's two main river systems—the Yellow and the Yangtze. "OK, I need to jump back several centuries. One of the most important events in Chinese history is the building of the Grand Canal . . ." For the next several minutes, Baron embarks on a brief tutorial on the longest—and oldest—artificial river in the world, China's Grand Canal, which stretches more than 1,700 kilometers from Beijing south to Hangzhou. And then he builds up to the big story. "So, North China has terrible water shortages, and the Chinese are working on a plan to divert water from the Yangtze north to the Yellow." Essentially, it's Grand Canal, Part II, an exceedingly ambitious and possibly quixotic attempt to "tilt China on its side." What's at stake? "Quite possibly the very survival of North China," Baron says.

Alex Baron is one of 10 recipients of the Middlebury Fellowships in Environmental Journalism, a highly competitive and prestigious program designed to support yearlong reporting about environmental issues by aspiring journalists. Of the 10 young men and women (including two current Middlebury students) culled from more than 150 applicants this year, Baron is perhaps the least experienced journalist. He's actually a hydrologist, though he does edit a hydrology journal, and his command of his material lends a strong air of confidence to his presentation.

The 2008 fellows have gathered at Bread Loaf for the start of their fellowship. After several days of workshopping, they're on their own until they reconvene next April, in Monterey, California. During the intervening months, while balancing work and school responsibilities, they will depart for locales near (the Adirondacks) and far (Colombia, Bangladesh), returning home with notebooks full of material.

But back at Bread Loaf, the fellows' stories are still incubating. The first few workshops function as a magazine editorial meeting. During Baron's presentation, his peers pepper him with questions. They ask for more detail, they ask about the scope of the story, they ask about narrative structure. Finally, Bill McKibben, the Middlebury scholar-in-residence who directs the fellowship program with Chris Shaw (himself a journalist and author), chimes in. "Here's the thing," he says. "You have to be able to describe to folks how huge and weird this thing is. To have it make sense, you may have to run this movie backwards, explain this desperate thirst in the north. . . . You have the makings of one hell of a story." —*MJ*

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Worthy of Frost

In the summer 2008 issue, the cover story "The Caretaker," written so beautifully by Alexander Manshel '09, reads like a poem begging to be written by Robert Frost, but wasn't.

The caretaker, Leo Hotte, tending to his miles of pipes, puts one in mind of Frost's memorable line "how thoroughly departmental."

Dottie Laux O'Brien '45
Manchester Village, Vermont

Fleeting Memory

Thank you for the excellent article on Leo Hotte and Bread Loaf ("The Caretaker," summer 2008). It was like a personal tour of the campus: inn, theater, barn, and cottages. The vignette on Earthworm Manor, with its historical references, was particularly enjoyable. W. H. Upson was among the first people I heard about when I moved to Middlebury in 1975. I didn't recognize the name, but I remembered reading his stories in the old *Saturday Evening Post* when I was a child. Thus, I was delighted to learn about and visit Earthworm Manor. Upson's home in Middlebury, built totally of concrete because of his wife's great fear of fire, is in Chipman Park. His widow, Marjorie Upson, lived there until the mid-eighties.

I would like to make one correction to your otherwise admirable article. The buildings and grounds supervisor who hired the Ryans to dig that well during the Persian Gulf War was Harvey Drinkwine (not Drinkline) who deserves to be remembered correctly. How brief is institutional memory.

Sylvia Robison
Burlington, Vermont

A Courageous Act

I just finished reading President Liebowitz's baccalaureate address to the Class of 2008, which appeared in *Middlebury Magazine*. His admission of the alcohol abuse problem and his tying that to the students' ability, going forward, to create communities in which members care enough about each other to help stop self-destructive behavior is just stunning and wonderful. Congratulations are in order for his courage to say this in a forum in which it would be unexpected.

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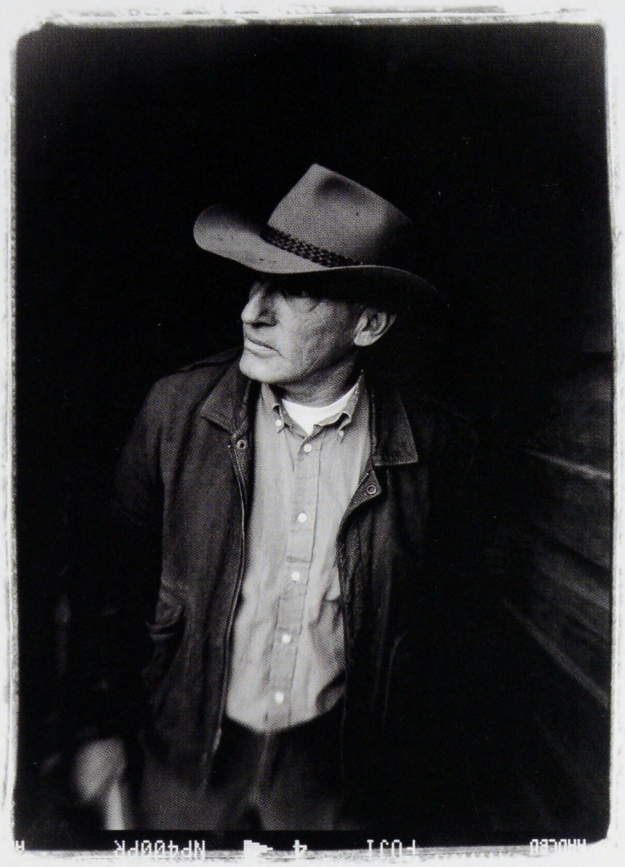

MEN OF LETTERS
Alexander Manshel's profile of Leo Hotte sparked recollections—and earned the writer, a Middlebury senior, a comparison to Frost.

Leadership that Challenges

I'd like to thank President Liebowitz for a brave, intelligent, and timely speech to the 2008 Middlebury graduates ("Reflections on 'Work Hard, Play Hard,'" summer 2008). I'm a 1984 Midd grad, received my Ph.D. in English, and taught/chaired the English department of a small liberal arts college for 15 years. Despite my background in the academic workings of a college, three years ago I left my cozy tenured job and joined the administrative team of New College in Florida as the dean of students. This shocked my colleagues, but I've always been more interested in the academic life of students than in publishing another paper on Victorian poetry. This job was attractive because it allowed me to teach while trying to take the ideas and philosophy of the classroom and work them into an ethical and wise road map for life. (Yes, I've suckled on the ideals and philosophy of Middlebury's core liberal arts!) And I've found the students at this school to be smart, liberal, whimsical, fun to teach, and worth mentoring—not unlike my peers at Middlebury, 25 years ago.

It, however, has been a difficult and eye-opening transition for me. The dangerous behavior, the drug use, the binge drinking, and the unwillingness or blindness of many campus leaders to acknowledge the issues are all stunning to me. I know I'm naive. But it is much easier to praise blindly than pointedly challenge. How easy it is to talk about abstract geopolitical or aesthetic issues of the classroom. How unwilling we really are to talk about the biologically and psychologically dangerous behavior that occurs on campus. I've joined John McCardell's Choose Responsibility, wondering/doubting/hoping that that would bring the issue to the foreground.

President Liebowitz's willingness as a leader to challenge the students to think about what they have done over their last four years, to urge recognition (as well as re-cognition) seems to be what Com-

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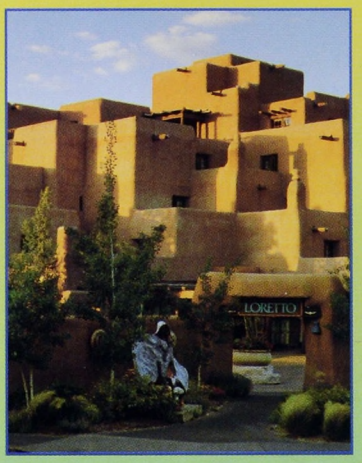

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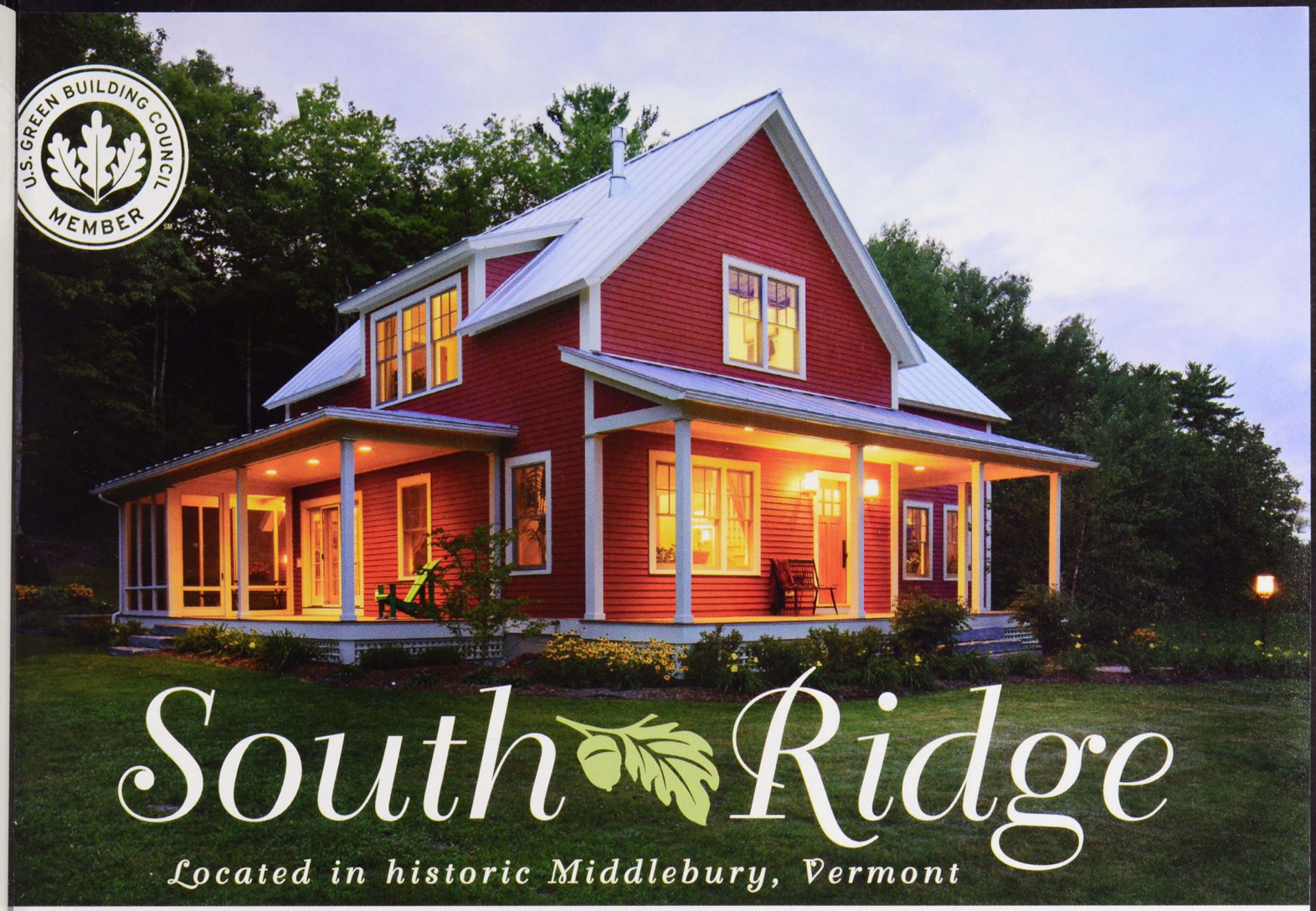

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mencement is really all about. I really wish others would do the same. His speech made me cry.

Wendy Bashant '84
Sarasota, Florida

"Everything Goes" Must Go

I'm an alumnus of the College and recently completed my second summer as professor in the Italian School. President Liebowitz's baccalaureate address made me want to be even more involved in the life of the College.

I especially appreciated the final part of the speech for a very simple reason. Overall, I think that my experience at Middlebury was a positive one. Sure, you can take the kid out of Williamsburg (Brooklyn) but you'll never take Williamsburg out of the kid.

Basically I couldn't understand why a certain "clan" (the Exeter, Fieldston, St. Paul, etc., kids) engaged in self-destructive behavior. When I was a kid, all of my free time was dedicated towards either studying or inventing a job to make a dollar here and there. And "fear" was a driving factor in this—fear of spending the rest of my life selling restaurant equipment on the Bowery or pizza in Greenpoint; "fear" of mediocrity when your parents have granted you the opportunity to re-present yourself to the community (after college) as an intellectual who aspires to educate the masses.

The point I'm trying to make is that colleges today create this fantasy world in which "everything goes." I even see it at Harvard: "give them an A- or else they'll screw you on your evaluations"; celebrate mediocrity rather than question established patterns of thinking and behavior. That's why I was relieved to read President Liebowitz's speech.

Antonio Morena '97
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Real-Life Message Is Critical

I wanted to thank President Liebowitz for having the courage to confront the issue of binge drinking.

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I participated in and witnessed an awful lot of it in my day, and I know my attitudes about alcohol were unhealthy, even in spite of having a grandfather who died at a very young age from alcoholism.

I wish I had heard the president's message back in my Middlebury days. We spend so much time educating students about history, science, math, etc., yet we seem to overlook formal education about tangible, real-life issues like drinking, thinking somehow kids will learn it themselves along the way. Former President McCardell's approach of changing the culture through lowering the drinking age but requiring education and licensing is a realistic approach that I believe demonstrates the type of leadership and moral responsibility for our community called for in President Liebowitz's remarks.

Jim Briggs '90
Williamstown, Massachusetts

No to Reading Marx

I CAN'T LET THIS PASS.

I don't have Tim Spears's academic credentials, but I have been a few places, done a few things, and read a little history now and again. Spears thinks of *The Communist Manifesto* that its ideology "might" be "outdated," but it still explains "how the world works." ("Read All About It," summer 2008)

And what world are you talking about, sir? Not the one where Marxist politics and economics have been tried and tried—and failed miserably every time to deliver on their promises. That's the world I know. Does Mr. Spears have an alternative?

If I have my history correct, the baseline conditions (circa 1820–30) Marx railed against were in decline because of the effects of free-market competition and other social forces, as he wrote, so that Marx's work was nearly baseless when published (circa 1845–50), in its accusations of what is evil much less when it was reduced to practice decades later. I use the word "is" because there are too many who still think Marxist dogma is useful. Talk about regressive . . . yeah, the *Manifesto* was "outdated"

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Certainly the solutions Marx proposed produced nice perks for the ruling elites (of which he would have been, had anyone paid enough attention to him then), but pity those who got in the way, the most recent poster nation being Zimbabwe. How many souls perished in the 20th century alone under Marxist regimes? How can such mass slaughter arise from a book, a credo, that is a valid picture of "how the world works"? I never have gotten a good explanation on that. Perhaps you could importune Spears to enlighten me.

For this average GPA Midd graduate of 1973, the best idea Marx ever had was to die. Sadly, for about 100 million people starved, shot, gassed, buried alive, or otherwise "aborted," this idea came to him late in life. That 100 million does not include those who "lived" and continue to live under the burdens of Marxist socialist regimes, clinging to whatever the state allows them in its wonderful benevolence.

That the acting provost of the College holds Marx in such esteem is hilarious. I did laugh, honestly. Middlebury in my time was a place where some pretty silly things could sound real, such a bubble far away from the nastiness of reality. I guess not much has changed for some, but therein is academia for you. Let's not learn from failure or reality, nope. If we just get smarter people to try the same things again, everything will be different. Well, maybe not, but neither Mugabe or Chavez are missing any meals, so it works for some, right?

I donated to Midd this year after a hiatus. I guess I will have to reconsider, again.

George H. Schirtzinger '73
Pasadena, California

Tim Spears responds: I am sorry my recommendation that incoming students read The Communist Manifesto *offended Mr. Schirtzinger. He seems to have concluded from my recommendation that I admire or am an apologist for totalitarian politics. In fact, I meant to underscore the importance of the social and economic analysis that Marx helped pioneer. One does not have to be a Marxist to*

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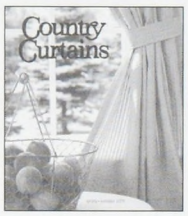

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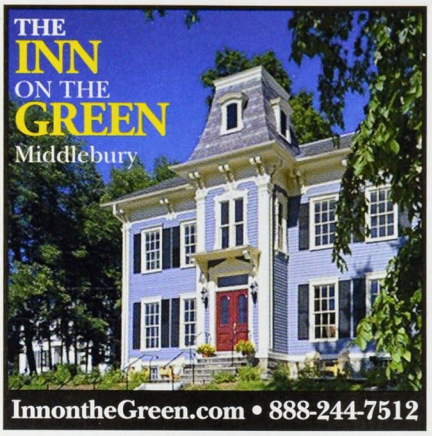

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believe, as Marx did, that one's relation to the means of production—in short, what one has in the way of wealth—says a good deal about one's place in the world, or how one thinks about the world. Now, in making this comment, perhaps I am guilty of materialist thinking, but one can think this way and also be a free-market Republican.

In academic culture these days, most "radical" thinking is concerned with race or gender construction. In bringing Marx into the conversation, I wanted to suggest that class should also matter to how we think about the world.

Ironically, I first read The Communist Manifesto, *along with Freud and Plato, in a high school philosophy class taught by a Midd alum. The books we read were not presented as "truth," but rather as examples of big ideas, serious attempts to explain how the world works. I admire Marx's writings for that grand effort to explain how the social world is constructed. And I think it's still a good idea for 18-year-olds to engage his writings and to try and understand them, if only to set them aside. For this is how we learn, isn't it?*

Cruel Economic Laboratories

I READ WITH INTEREST the article about Elizabeth Farnsworth '65 and her documentary, *The Judge and the General* ("Out of Darkness," summer 2008). I saw the film at this year's San Francisco International Film Festival, where it was very well received. Some, however, thought that the film was too easy on the role of the U.S. in the coup and its approval of Pinochet's brutal repression. Remember, Kissinger met with Pinochet in 1976 and assured him that the Ford administration would not punish him for

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What is not so well known is that Chile became the laboratory for Milton Friedman's "free market" policies. Shortly after the coup, Friedman's adherents in the United States and Chile hammered out an economic policy for the Chilean government. The plan featured basic laissez faire economics, i.e., privatization of public assets usually at a discount to Western firms, elimination of labor laws and price controls, elimination of trade barriers, and cutbacks on funds for health care and social services. The predictable results were mass unemployment and poverty, along with continued repression for those who resisted. In March 1975, Milton Friedman flew to Chile to meet with Pinochet to encourage him to keep the free-market experiment going in the face of these massive market disruptions with no safety nets. Friedman was successful in persuading Pinochet to continue these disastrous economic policies.

There is a middle ground between a free-market economy and socialism. Remember John Maynard Keynes? Perhaps, Latin American politicians should invite a few Keynesians to their economic planning tables.

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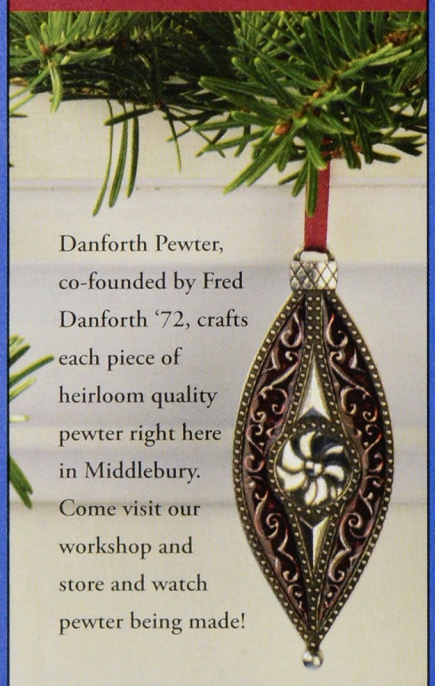

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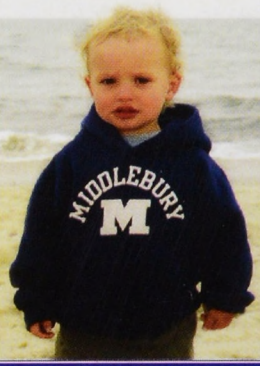

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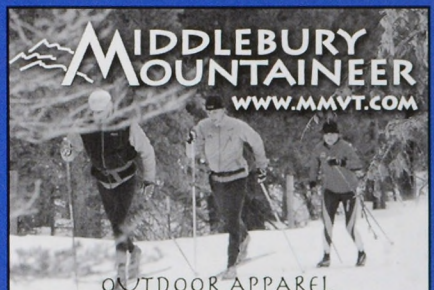

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Odom Inspires

THE SPRING 2008 ISSUE of *Middlebury Magazine* has been in my briefcase for several months now. I cannot seem to let it go. I cling to the issue because in it is a truly inspiring story. How happy I was to see Michael Gordon's moving article about Lieutenant Colonel Mark Odom '87 who was tragically wounded in action in Iraq ("The Road to Hawr Rajab," spring 2008).

I cannot stop thinking about Mark Odom, Kevin Conroy '86, and the tens of thousands of other soldiers who serve our country. It is especially inspiring to me that these men who hold a degree from an institution of privilege and prestige have forsaken potential riches and comfort, under the cover of our great country's freedoms, to choose instead to defend those freedoms. At Middlebury I had the pleasure of knowing Mark. We played football together, and he was a fraternity brother at Delta Upsilon. I am happy I was able to get to know him. Certainly, many Middlebury graduates give back to their

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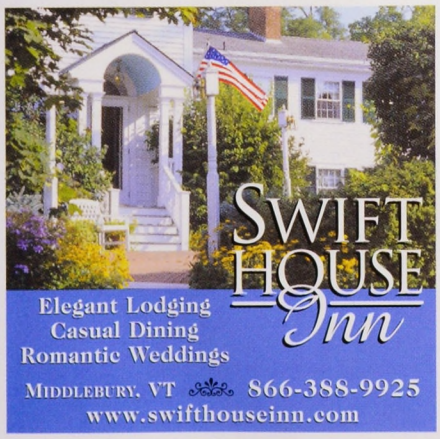

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communities and our great society in one way or another, but the vast majority of our commitments simply pale in comparison to the sacrifice our soldiers make to defend the freedom of our country and the democratic world. God bless you, Mark Odom, Kevin Conroy, and the rest of our soldiers and veterans. Thank you for your sacrifice and thank you to the University of Vermont for providing an ROTC program that helped shape these noble men.

Jeff Thomas '85
Mount Pleasant, South Carolina

Caring Community

I was Nick Garza's senior class dean at Albuquerque Academy, and I conducted his alumni interview when he applied to Middlebury. As an alumna interviewer and in my 22 years of waving the Middlebury flag here in the West, I have rarely known a student to be so excited about the College. He was giddy, even a little cocky. In the spring of his senior year, whenever I saw him, I would quietly say, "Go Panthers," and that knowing, excited grin would creep up on his face. I whispered the same thing in his ear just before he crossed the stage to receive his diploma at the Academy. It was the last time I saw Nick.

Needless to say, I was stunned when the local morning news in Albuquerque announced Nick's disappearance. Within the first 24 hours, I was contacted by Missy Foote and Hugh Marlow. For the rest of the long ordeal, Hugh regularly forwarded information updates to me, which allowed me to pass along real and

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correct information to those who asked me. I was impressed and grateful for this attention, even though I was a couple of steps removed from the event.

As I followed the story from across the country, I was thoroughly impressed with the way Middlebury handled this tragic and awful event. The College clearly did everything possible to welcome and support Natalie Garza and her son as they took up residence in Middlebury during the long search. The information on the Web site was timely, complete, and compassionate, especially in the first days and weeks of Nick's disappearance. Both the College and the town seemed to exhaust all possible resources in finding an end to this event and never seemed to rest until the moment of locating Nick. Ultimately, for the memorial service held in June at Albuquerque Academy, Acting Provost Tim Spears and the Acting Dean of the College Gus Jordan accompanied at least 10 of Nick's friends to attend and participate. I know this participation by College leaders and Nick's friends made an impression on our community and meant a great deal to the Garza family. Choosing to sit in the Middlebury "section," I had the good fortune to briefly speak with some of those visiting Middlebury students and, in short, they were fine young men who represented Middlebury with honor, maturity, and grace. This final act by the Middlebury College community blew me away, and though the circumstances were terrible, I was and continue to be very proud to be a part of the same Middlebury community.

Ann B. McCollum '86
Albuquerque, New Mexico

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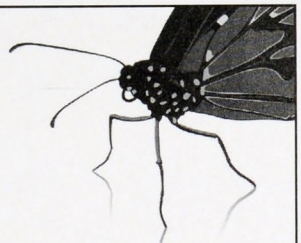

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STILL NOW
ROBERT PACK

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—Jay Parini, *Middlebury Magazine*

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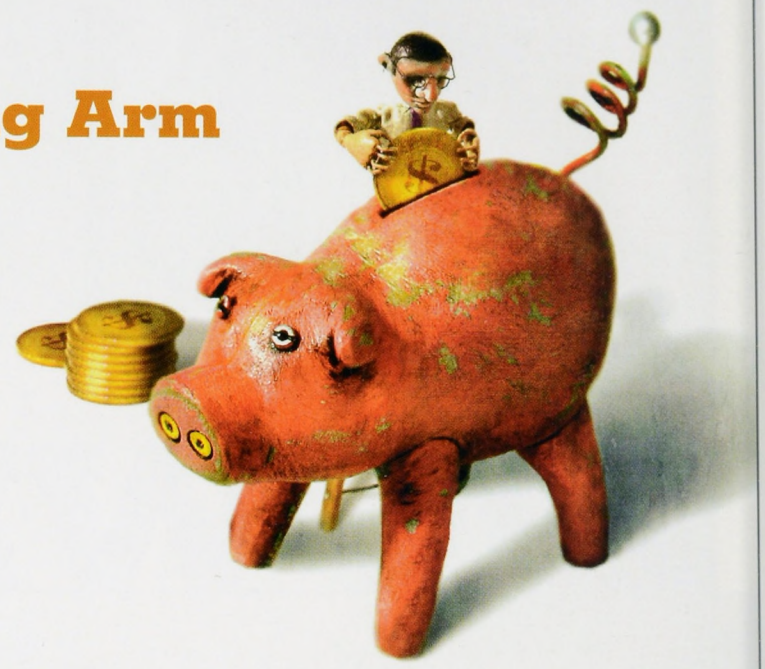
Uphill Downhill

COZY CONFINES As part of the Axinn Center construction, Starr Library's main reading room received an elegant facelift. Photograph by Jonathan Hillyer

The Economy's Long Arm



ON A BLUSTERY FALL AFTERNOON, the first day of October, a crowd of 200-plus students, faculty, staff, and townspeople sardined their way into a jam-packed Dana Auditorium. Those late to the 4:30 lecture were turned away at the door, while those lucky enough to get in were treated to a quick tutorial on the financial crises gripping the United States. On the auditorium stage, seated left to right behind a blue-cloth-draped rectangular table, were Middlebury economics professors Peter Matthews, David Colander, Scott Pardee, and Bob Prasch. On the docket: a discussion titled "The Financial Crisis: What Is Going On?"

The econ quartet spent 90 minutes taking listeners through a step-by-step explanation of the root causes of the crises and offering prognostications on how and when the country would come out of the economic tailspin. The hastily scheduled lecture (it was organized in a little less than a week) and crowded auditorium (popular demand led to follow-up sessions in subsequent days) were just a few of several indicators of the broad reach of the financial crises on the College community this autumn.

Early in September, as the first rumblings of the economic turbulence reached from Wall Street, Middlebury President Ronald D. Liebowitz sent a memo to all faculty and staff outlining the institution's plans in addressing the emerging financial challenges. Reiterating that the College was facing a downturn in the economy from a position of strength—"our reputation is excellent, applications and selectivity are at record levels, and fund-raising has reached all-time highs," he wrote—Liebowitz acknowledged that Middlebury was not immune to the troubled global economic climate. Recognizing that a prolonged economic slowdown would have an effect on both fund-raising and endowment growth—two of the College's three main sources of revenue—he announced that Middlebury would be looking at ways to reduce operating costs across the institution. (He added that there were limits to how much Middlebury could—or would want to—raise the comprehensive fee, the College's third major revenue source.)

The president announced that the College would:

- Engage students, faculty, staff, and administrators to examine ways to reduce expenditures from the operating budget. However, at this time, there are no plans to make cuts that would adversely affect Middlebury's need-blind financial aid program or would hamper the school's commitment to continuing a competitive compensation program for faculty and staff based on performance. In addition, Middlebury would remain committed to investing in programs recommended in the strategic plan, *Knowledge Without Boundaries,* though the pace of such implementations may be slowed.

- Curtail planning for major renovation or new construction projects. While the renovations of McCullough and Proctor would continue, any new construction project or major renovation project would need to be fully funded by donors and must include additional endowment support to cover maintenance and operation costs.

In a subsequent memo sent to the community in early October, Liebowitz announced additional measures, including a freeze on the hiring of all open, nonessential positions; a reduction in the use of outside consultants and contractors; and a reduction in College-related travel. In the memo, he stressed again that although the College was in a relatively strong position when compared to most colleges and universities, the turmoil in the markets was affecting the College.

During the past fiscal year, Middlebury's endowment, now valued at $888 million dollars, dropped less than 1 percent, a favorable outcome compared to Middlebury's endowment benchmark, which lost 4.18 percent of its value, and to the Russell 3000 Index, which was down 12.7 percent. (The prior year, the endowment return was 22 percent.) However, the administration reiterated its intention to preserve the endowment's purchasing power by setting a strict limit on the annual spend rate, currently set at 5 percent. Increasing the spend rate above 5 percent, the administration explained, would leave less money for future generations and would jeopardize Middlebury's long-term financial viability.

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Go Figure

7,823
Number of people who applied for a spot in the Class of 2012

1,458
Number of students admitted (September and February)

580/90
First-year enrollment for September and February

68
International students in the Class of 2012

49
Number of states represented in the first-year class

36
Number of countries represented in the first-year class

52
Number of first-years who are first-generation college attendees

72
Percentage of class from outside New England

4
Oboe players in the Class of 2012

[Syllabus]

Course Collapse of Complex Societies

Department Sociology, First-Year Seminar

Instructor James Fitzsimmons

Course Description This seminar examines how and why historically complex societies have failed. The class explores the roles of population pressure, environmental degradation, warfare, and other factors in the collapse of such ancient urban societies as the Classic Maya, Chaco, and the Roman Empire. Likewise, the class explores how societies, seemingly well adapted to their geographic environments, such as the Vikings in Greenland, ultimately succumbed to extinction. Reviewing academic and popular explanations for societal collapse worldwide, the class ultimately engages the modern era and investigates the fragility of contemporary societies.

Reading List

Jared Diamond, *Collapse*
Peter Heather, *The Fall of the Roman Empire: A New History of Rome and the Barbarians*
Glenn Schwartz and John Nichols, *After Collapse: The Regeneration of Complex Societies*
Jane Smiley, *The Greenlanders*
Joseph Tainter, *The Collapse of Complex Societies*
David Webster, *The Fall of the Ancient Maya*

Fitzsimmons Says

One of the central questions in archaeology, and one that is relevant to all societies past and present, is why societies fall apart. The idea that a well-developed, complex society—a type of social organization that, by its very nature, is *designed* to solve problems—can simply vanish is a scary one. At times, the civilizations that we discuss in this class seem to fall victim to circumstances largely beyond their control. More often, however, there *are* actions that can be taken to forestall, if not prevent, demises in political authority and social cohesion. Unfortunately, such actions require a bird's-eye view of the society as well as an assumption that people are capable of making drastic cultural changes in a short period of time once problems are identified. As my students are realizing in papers and discussions, this is a task easier said than done. But, not to be all doom and gloom, there is life after collapse—new social forms, beliefs, and practices emerge and, in the sweep of human history, they are not always a bad thing!

Observed

■ **The 2008–09 academic year officially got under way** on a warm, sunny September afternoon as the 580 members of the Class of 2012 gathered for the College's opening Convocation. George Matthew Jr. played the 48-bell carillon as the class filed into Mead Chapel, where, seated by Commons, they listened to President Ronald D. Liebowitz deliver his Convocation address. Liebowitz advised the class to take full advantage of their liberal arts education by setting aside assumptions and by taking intellectual risks. The president also spoke to the first-year class about the concepts of community and friendship, relating both to student behavior. ■ **The Sustainable Endowment Institute** once again bestowed a top grade on Middlebury, when it issued its annual College Sustainability Report Card. Middlebury received an A-, the top grade handed out this year, and was one of just 15 schools nationwide (out of 300 graded) to receive the top mark. ■ **Next summer,** the Middlebury Language Schools will open a second site for the first time in the program's 94-year history. Mills College, in Oakland, California, has agreed to serve as the host school, where undergraduate-level courses in French, Italian, and Spanish

continued

Midd, 2040

What will Middlebury look like in 30 years? In 50? How will classrooms be used? How will the civic structure—the pattern of quads, green space, pathways that connect buildings—of the physical campus evolve? In the coming half-century, how will the College meet the increasingly pressing environmental challenges and the infrastructural needs of the academic departments?

Last spring, Middlebury's board of trustees approved a campus master plan that tackles all of these questions and much, much more, in what has been billed as the most far-reaching, environmentally progressive campus plan in the College's 200-plus-year history.

Contained in a exhaustive, 150-page, oversized document, the master plan was crafted over the course of two years and is designed to support the long-term goals outlined in Middlebury's strategic plan. A committee of trustees, faculty, staff, and students collaborated with the Boston-based planning and design firm Michael Dennis and Associates to craft the vision for the campus over the next half-century.

A message from President Liebowitz, a video presentation by Michael Dennis, and the entire master plan can be found online at www.middlebury.edu/administration/fs/planning/master_plan/

For an overview of the plan's goals, organizational systems, and a sample of proposed action items, we've provided the following chart.

Goals	Organizational Systems
Promoting sustainability in all College operations and planning	Sustainability
Enhancing Middlebury's relationship to the ecological landscape	Sustainability, Campus Open Space, Landscape
Reinforcing the campus's architectural character and scale	Architecture, Infrastructure, Space Needs
Promoting an accessible pedestrian-friendly campus	Universal Accessibility, Circulation, Campus Open Space
Improving the relationship between town and College	Circulation, Landscape, Infrastructure
Increasing the variety of campus open spaces	Campus Open Space, Landscape, Sustainability
Optimizing pedestrian and vehicle traffic flow	Circulation, Universal Accessibility, Campus Open Space
Fostering a year-round campus	Space Needs, Landscape
Consolidating academic units on campus	Space Needs, Architecture, Infrastructure
Establishing connectivity between campus areas	Circulation, Campus Open Space

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Proposed Action Items
Adopt the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design MC-Plus guidelines for all renovation and new construction projects; secure offsets for 100 percent of outsourced travel
Plantings should be local species when possible; continue to reduce the amount of herbicides and pesticides used; new buildings should not be built in green areas remote from the core campus
Adopt architectural principles that ensure that new buildings are carefully located internal to the campus, not on the periphery; new buildings should be widely spaced to preserve views; new building form should be derived from architectural heritage
Enhance three major components of campus (athletics and arts, central campus, north campus) by providing each with a central quadrangle, related courtyard, and consistent fabric of landscape and buildings; redesign three internal campus streets as pedestrian-oriented promenades
Introduce traffic calming measures on College and South Main Streets; create—and sustain—planting in buffer zones between campus and neighboring residential areas
Create parks, quads, plazas, and fields to define and enhance open space
Redesign and convert campus roads into pedestrian walkways; use roundabouts to slow traffic and announce entry to campus
Enhance mutually beneficial and reciprocal relationship between the nine-month academic year and the summer language programs, both short term and long term
Relocate dispersed academic departments and consolidate each within one building; given long-term projected deficit of offices and classroom space, construct one new academic building
See all of the above

will be offered (these languages will also be offered on the Vermont campus). In addition, the new site will be the exclusive home for Middlebury's Arabic School. Enrollment at the California location is projected to be 310 students, increasing the overall enrollment of the Language Schools to around 1,500. The western expansion of the Language Schools had been considered for some time, due to the skyrocketing increase in applications and a desire to build on the College's affiliation with the nearby Monterey Institute of International Studies. ■ **The Panthers dig Field Turf.** Last year, the men's soccer team went undefeated at home while playing on a newly installed artificial surface known as Field Turf. Over the summer, Youngman Field at Alumni Stadium, home to the football and men's lacrosse teams, underwent a similar makeover, as its natural grass surface was removed and Field Turf was installed. Consisting of silica sand and recycled rubber, Field Turf is used by three-quarters of the teams in the National Football League, as well as a number of colleges and universities. And our football team? Undefeated at home after three games, including a 31-14 drubbing of Amherst, the only team to beat the Panthers last season. ■ **The Vermont Symphony Orchestra** opened its autumn Made in Vermont tour on a September evening at the Mahaney

The Skinny on the Axinn Center at Starr Library

Official Name
Donald E. Axinn '51, Litt. D. '89 Center for Literary and Cultural Studies at Starr Library

Shorter Name
The Axinn Center at Starr Library

Architects
Childs Bertman Tseckares, Boston; Building Conservation Associates (renovation), Dedham, Massachusetts; Andropogon Associates (landscape), Philadelphia

Occupants
Departments of History, Film and Media Culture, and English and American Literatures

What's New?
Nine "smart" classrooms; 56 academic offices; a 45-seat screening room; the Winter Garden, a glass-enclosed public space connecting the east and west wings.

What's Familiar?
The original beaux-arts marble exterior of Starr Library; the modernist Shepley Wing; the Starr Library reading room; and the Abernethy Room—all historically renovated and restored.

What's Green?
Much of the wood, stone, marble, and concrete in the Axinn Center was reused from the original structure. The facility features double-glazed windows; is networked to the College's existing energy management system; and features myriad energy-saving measures, such as motion sensors and carbon dioxide sensors, which can adjust lighting, temperature, and ventilation.

What's That Sound?
Don't freak out if you hear running water when you enter the building. The glass-enclosed lobby off the western entrance (facing McCullough) features a waterfall trickling from the ceiling to the floor along a stone wall.

Lost in Translation

Though Pebble Beach is but a Tiger Woods drive from the Monterey Institute of International Studies (well not really, but you get the idea—the two are in close proximity), golf was not on many people's minds when the College became affiliated with the renowned graduate institution in 2005. But that is exactly what folks were talking about at Monterey at the end of August when the Ladies Professional Golf Association (LPGA) announced that it wanted all players on its tour to be proficient in English.

In a letter to LPGA Commissioner Carolyn Blevins, MIIS President Clara Yu offered to partner with the golfing association to design a custom learning program for its members. "Our offer would promote and support the communicative competence of [the LPGA's] members and aid them in achieving the outcomes required to meet the LPGA's new language standards," Yu wrote.

Though the LPGA subsequently rescinded its mandate in the face of increasing public criticism, the association and MIIS remain in discussions about crafting a program to assist the needs of players on the LPGA tour.

PHOTOGRAPH BY JONATHAN HILLYER

The IT Index

OK, LET US FIRST GIVE CREDIT WHERE CREDIT IS DUE. Earlier this fall, Amherst College's director of information technology wanted to provide folks with a snapshot of how campus technology has changed over the years, so he created something called the Amherst IT Index (itself modeled after the Index feature in *Harper's Magazine*). So with a tip of the hat to both *Harper's* and our friends down in Massachusetts, we give you our own version of the IT Index.

Number of students in the Class of 2012 who have registered Macs on the network
289

Number who have registered PCs
236

Percentage of classrooms on campus that are wireless
100

Percentage of classrooms that are network accessible
100

Average number of e-mails received on campus daily
545,000

Percentage of e-mail that is blocked as spam
85

Average number of daily calls to the helpdesk
106

Average number of daily e-mails to the helpdesk
41

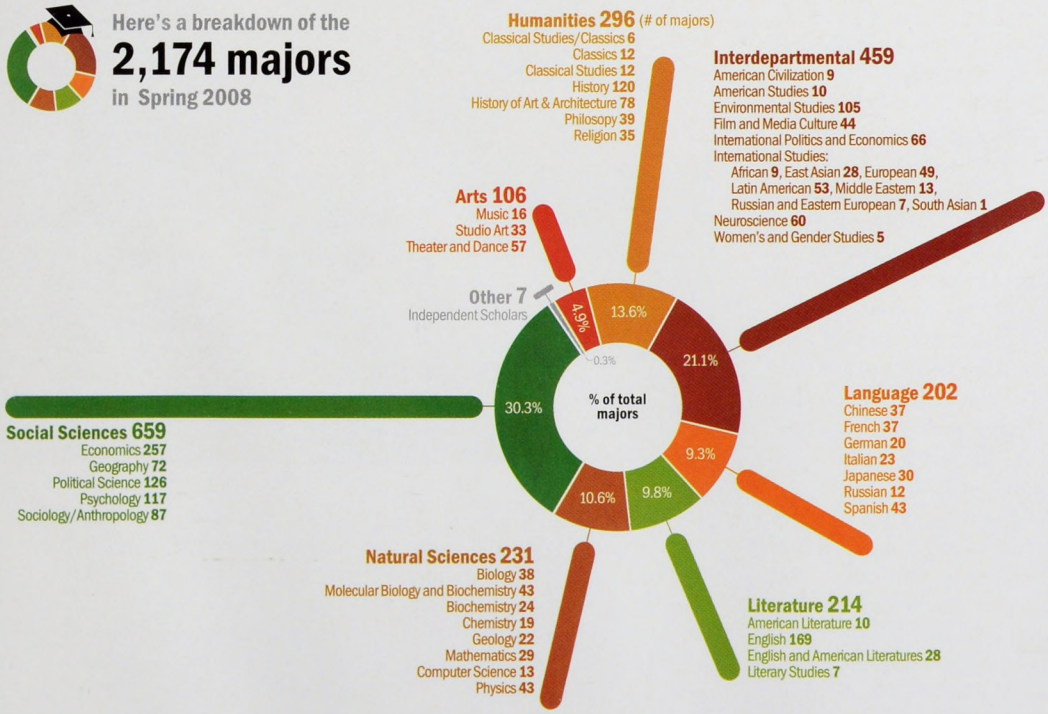
Number of daily hits (not unique) on the College homepage
20,000

Percentage of applicants who applied online in 2008
90

Percentage who applied online in 2004
50

Major, Major

What's the most popular major at Middlebury? The most popular division? Within the languages, which do people major in most? We offer a breakdown of the 2,174 declared majors, as it stood last spring.



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Center for the Arts. The highlight of the evening was the virtuoso performance of Vivaldi's *The Four Seasons* by world-renowned violinist Jaime Laredo ■ **The Old Stone Mill is buzzing with activity.** The student-led Old Stone Mill Board has approved six student applications for occupancy this semester, allowing a cohort of students to stretch themselves creatively. Among the new tenants: a digital arts magazine and a community dinner group. Check out these pages in the winter issue for a schematic of Middlebury's new incubator for creativity and innovation. ■ **The Pulitzer Prize-winning poet Galway Kinnell** gave a reading at Mead Chapel over Homecoming Weekend. He captivated the audience. ■ **The historical and creative relevance of place** was the focus of the annual Nicholas R. Clifford Symposium, which featured prominent scholars and authors. The symposium coincided with the dedication of the Donald E. Axinn '51, Litt. D. '89 Center for Literary and Cultural Studies at Starr Library. By all accounts the weekend was a smashing success. ■ **David Macey** passed away. Macey was a professor of history and Russian studies, and he directed the Off-Campus Study office for more than a decade. An expert on prerevolutionary Russia, Macey cofounded what is now Middlebury's program in Russian and East European studies.

Distance Learning

What Alexandra Krieg '09 talks about when she talks about running.

By Sarah Tuff '95

The football field gets her first. On a Sunday afternoon in September, Youngman Field shimmers with freshly painted goal lines and bright blue end zones.

"Ooh, want to run across here, a new field?" asks Alexandra Lanners Krieg '09. Without waiting for an answer, she effortlessly lopes across, her aqua Saucony running shoes tamping down the turf as she makes a shortcut toward the 16-mile Trail Around Middlebury.

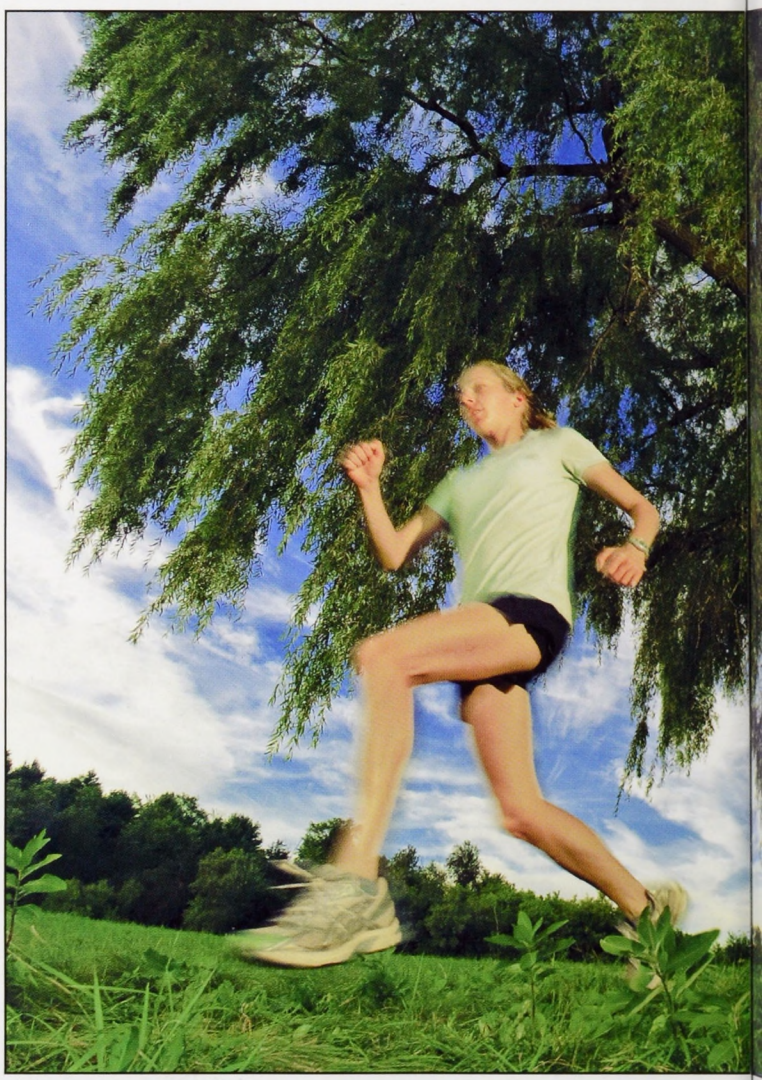
Then she revels in the appeal of pavement. "South Street is just gorgeous. Today, with the sun and the light and the fields and the mountains, it just glowed," says Krieg, recalling a separate, 14-mile run she completed this morning. "I couldn't think of a lovelier place to run."

Ah, but what about trails? Krieg calls them "magical" and "spiritual," waxing rhapsodic about roots, turns, and muddy banks. She also loves the precision of a track. Only one running surface leaves her flat. "There's no joy in a treadmill," she says.

After some 170 races in her lifetime, Krieg has managed to master whatever happens to be underfoot—and whatever the meters or miles happen to measure. Last fall, she placed third at the NCAA cross-country championships, and then earned All-American honors in the 5,000- and 10,000-meter races at the NCAA track and field championships in the spring. While most college students are still sleeping on Sunday mornings, Krieg is running. "I can't imagine what I would have done," she says, "if running hadn't become such a big part of my identity."

Alexandra Krieg was not born to run. Well, not really. Her mom exercises on a NordicTrak, she says; and her dad *has* run a few marathons, but there are no Prefontaine genes in the Krieg family, which also includes a younger sister and a younger brother. Krieg recalls a "nine-minute-run" from her elementary school in Iowa, during which she and her classmates received a Popsicle stick for each completed lap. Thirteen Popsicle sticks equaled a mile. "I think I always made a mile," she says, "but maybe that's just memory reconstruction."

Krieg signed up for track her freshman year at Wellesley High School in Massachusetts (her parents moved east from Iowa when she was in eighth grade) because she thought it would make her look "more well rounded" on her college applications. "I don't like other sports," she says. "Anything where you're kicking balls or catching things, or there are balls flying toward your head or that requires coordina-

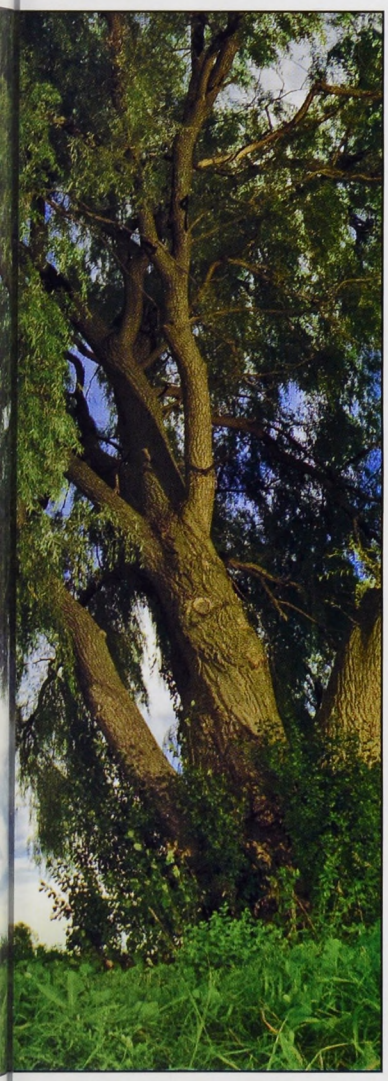


RUN, ALEXANDRA, RUN
Krieg is a favorite to capture the national title at the NCAA cross-country championships this year. She finished third in 2007—and the top finishers were both seniors.

Photograph by Brett Simison

tion—that's intimidating."

Running was painful at first, but then Krieg became addicted to the endorphins and the team camaraderie. By her senior year in high school, Krieg could run the mile in 5:12 and the two-mile in 10:53. *The Boston Globe* called her "the state's top cross-country runner" for a finish 23 seconds ahead of her closest competitor in the high school championships. By then, Krieg had thought about running in college. But not in Vermont.



"I didn't want to go to Middlebury," she says. "I thought it was a language school and a skiing school." Cross-country head coach Terry Aldrich, and a visit when the mountains were exhibiting fall colors, convinced her otherwise. Krieg began her freshman year at Middlebury averaging 40 to 45 miles a week and rising to third place on the team. Now, she's up to 65 miles a week and poised for even greater things this year.

"It's exciting to see what she's doing now and how much more there is available in her reserves," says assistant coach Nicole Wilkerson, who also speaks of Krieg's fierce competitiveness during races.

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But when Krieg talks about her running, she does not talk about winning. She says she "did fine" at a meet, when, in actuality, she came in first. Most of her winnings—medals, ribbons, certificates, and a gaudy trophy topped with a golden turkey she earned at a Thanksgiving Turkey Trot last year—are in a cardboard box in her parents' attic. (One exception: a fleece "participation" blanket from cross-country nationals, "so dorky," she says, now warms her dorm bed in Forest Hall.)

Instead, Krieg likes to talk about the zone, the perfect rhythm of notching 26 laps around a track, or the runner's high of "extreme joy" she gets toward the middle of a run. Her infectious enthusiasm about running, and life in general, could make even the most devout of couch potatoes lace up a pair of Nikes. "When you're running through the woods by yourself, and there are no people sounds, but there's the wind rustling the trees and the birds and squirrels," she says. "It just doesn't get better than that."

"It gets lonely," Krieg says of running by herself all the time, which she did last summer while working in Burlington at a health-care products distributor. A molecular biology and biochemistry major with a 3.79 GPA, Krieg may follow in her father's footsteps and attend medical school—or maybe podiatry school. "Feet are really interesting!" she says.

Then again, she'd also like to run some more, and to travel. Maybe a marathon (her hometown is the halfway point of Boston's fabled marathon), but not before she's 100 percent ready. She talks about options and opportunities and the balance required to manage them all. Her role models are not necessarily the top runners in the world. Krieg says she has mixed feelings about Olympic marathon bronze medalist Deena Kastor. "She's a professional runner; that's all she does," says Krieg. "That's not a balanced lifestyle." A more apt role model is her own coach, Wilkerson, who, says Krieg, balances a job, a family, and a competitive lifestyle as a triathlete.

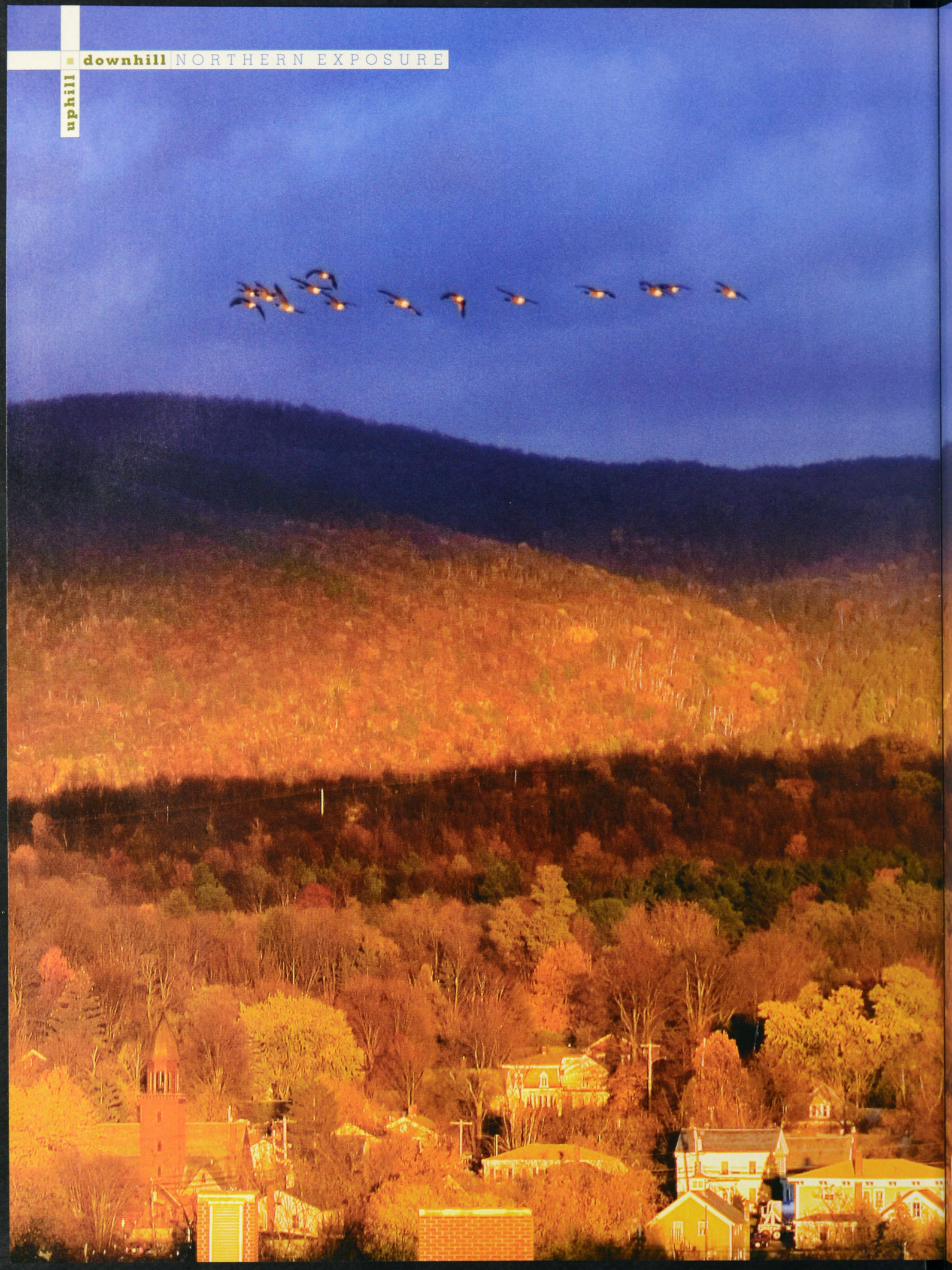
Wilkerson, in turn, praises Krieg's own methodical approach to the stresses of a tough academic and athletic schedule. "She's extremely efficient and balanced on a quiet natural, spiritual level as well," says Wilkerson.

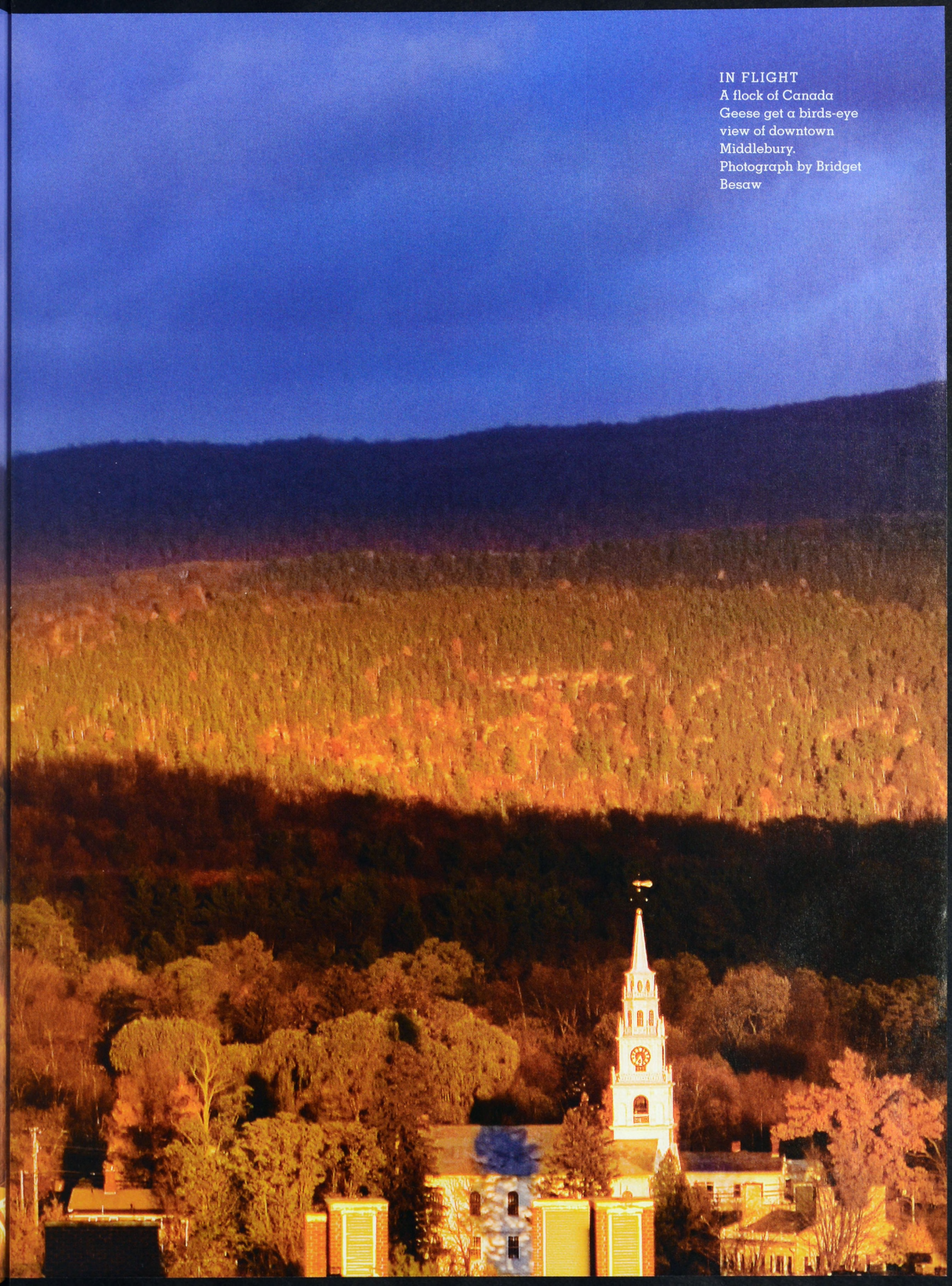
Some things have to go. Like a social life: Krieg's in bed by 10 P.M. on Friday nights. She's sad to miss an upcoming lecture by author Eric Schlosser because of practice. But most everything else, Krieg crams in. "I envision the day as an orange with different wedges," she says, "and you just have to squeeze every drop of juice out."

Krieg's multitasking includes reading books as she walks across campus and thinking about such concepts as evolutionary psychology as she runs. But she also lets her thoughts wander: to the oatmeal and coffee she's had for breakfast or to the soft-serve vanilla ice cream with peanut butter, chocolate chips, and granola she'll treat herself to after the run. Only very rarely does she listen to music while running.

Instead, Krieg likes to keep her senses open to the run. She's seen curious things, like a snake trying to eat a toad, and wonderful things, like $75 in cash on the side of the road.

In the middle of the Sunday-afternoon run on the Trail Around Middlebury, Krieg confesses to another aspect of running that lacks joy: workouts on Chipman Hill. She used to get so nervous before the straight-up sprints that she'd almost feel a panic attack. But then they are over, and Krieg gets to do her favorite tempo runs, which she performs just slower than race pace. "You're just directing all your energy forward," she says. "There is no wasted motion."





IN FLIGHT
A flock of Canada Geese get a birds-eye view of downtown Middlebury.
Photograph by Bridget Besaw

in the line of fire

What does it take to step in front of a bullet intended for somebody else?

SECRET
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By Devon O'Neil '01
Photographs by Erik Stenbakken

JOE BIDEN IS APPROACHING A FULL-THROATED ROAR. It's the penultimate night of the Democratic National Convention, a warm August evening at the foot of the Rocky Mountains. And as one might imagine, the first major speech from the new vice presidential candidate has turned Denver's Pepsi Center into a political mosh pit.

Arms thrust up and down through the mile-high air. Rowdy delegates chant and whistle and shake, as if the hometown Avalanche had just won in overtime. Two women wearing MAKE OUT NOT WAR stickers hug each other and weep, overwhelmed by the building's energy and the grinning, outspoken Delaware senator on stage.

Biden, for his part, does nothing to stifle the moment. Like a Super Bowl hero at the celebratory parade, he pumps his fist and points at the crowd, all 20,000 of them. Spike Lee is here. So are Bill and Hillary Clinton, John Kerry, Ben Affleck, Chevy Chase, and Jamie Foxx. On the Pepsi Center floor, Katie Couric and the rest of the straight-faced political cognoscenti sit perched like hawks on their network platforms, taking in the wildest scene of the week.

For all the raucous enchantment, however, nobody notices the burly, clean-cut, 32-year-old man in a black suit standing at the back of the stage. And they're not supposed to. Special Agent Jeff Sengle '99, an eight-year veteran of the U.S. Secret Service, is there to blend in. He stands 40 feet behind Biden, hands clasped in front of him, wire earpiece and automatic weapon hidden from the crowd, chomping on a piece of gum. He looks a lot like a statue, actually, except that his eyes are wide and alive, constantly darting, seeking, searching for anything that might seem unusual.

It's not an easy charge, breaking down an arena full of electrified men and women to view them each as individuals, wondering which one has come to assassinate a would-be world leader. "You look for people who stand out," Sengle tells me later. "Nothing in particular, but obviously an event like this, most people are standing there happy, clapping. Well, maybe there's someone who's *not* clapping. That's sort of an odd behavior if you're at a rally."

Just as Biden is wrapping up his speech, the noise swells to a deafening level. It's Barack Obama. He's come out to congratulate his running mate on a successful oration and to fire up the crowd for the following evening's festivities at Invesco Field, where he will accept his party's presidential nomination in front of a throng four times this size.

Obama ushers his family onto the stage and begins walking in Sengle's direction, shaking hands. For the first time all night, Sengle appears uneasy. He unclasps his hands and shifts his weight, leaning forward to get a better look at the first few rows of spectators. Not until Obama is finished waving and greeting and has finally retreated to the cloaked safety backstage, does Sengle relax.

By now it is 10:30 at night, 12 ½ hours since he reported for duty that morning. Sengle slumps into an empty chair in the vacated press section and checks his BlackBerry. Beads of sweat line his forehead as he inspects the crowd filing out. I sit down next to him, and we begin to talk about the night, Sengle explaining that our plan to grab a post-convention beer has been superseded by a meeting at Invesco Field, which will occupy him until the wee hours of the morning. Suddenly, without warning, a piercing crack echoes through the arena, as loud as anything we've heard all night. *BANG!* I nearly jump out of my seat. Sengle never flinches, which I find hard to believe given his line of work.

"It's a microphone," he explains, accurately. "Gunshot's a lot louder." He gazes out at the vast arena, now nearly empty, and forces a weary smile. "Plus," he says, "I'm extremely tired."

He laughs.

WHEN ABRAHAM LINCOLN CREATED THE SECRET SERVICE IN 1865, he didn't do it to protect himself. He did it because a third of America's money was counterfeit, and he needed an agency devoted to restoring the world's faith in his country's currency. It wasn't until three presidents had been assassinated—Lincoln himself in 1865, James Garfield in 1881, and William McKinley in 1901—that the Secret Service finally initiated presidential protection in 1901.

Still, not until Sirhan Sirhan shot Robert F. Kennedy dead

on the campaign trail in 1968 did the Secret Service begin protecting presidential candidates. Four decades later, in May 2007—nearly a year and a half before the election would take place—Obama was given his own protective detail, marking the earliest date a candidate had been placed under the Secret Service's guard. (As a former first lady, Hillary Clinton already had her own detail.)

The decision to protect Obama, potentially the first black president in this nation's 232-year history, hinted at something else, too: that Sengle and his fellow agents were in for a stretch unlike anything they'd experienced leading up to the election in November.

Sengle is based out of the service's 10-person New Haven, Connecticut, office (which is controlled by the New York field office in Brooklyn), so most of the protective work he does involves visits by heads of states to Connecticut or New York. They're not all glamorous. Two years ago he accompanied the prime minister of the Bahamas on a tour of Wesleyan because the man's daughter was interested in applying. In April, however, he organized the 25-car motorcade that ushered President Bush around Hartford, a decidedly better gig.

The consequences of screwing up leave little room for incompetence, which is apparent in the selection process. Only 1 in 10 Secret Service applicants makes the cut. The screening is extreme: two months of background checks, including a six-hour polygraph test; then, if you are offered a position, eight additional months of training. The job is considered a career, and you can make a good living as an agent. Sengle, who interned with the service's counterfeit division while in college, makes about $125,000, plus overtime—which can exceed $30,000 in an election year.

Generally an agent works five to nine years in a field office before signing on with a protective detail. Sengle has about a year to go before that time comes for him. He will probably try to stay close to New England, he says, which means requesting President Clinton's detail in New York or perhaps the president's or vice president's detail in Washington, D.C. (A.J. Husband '99, Sengle's former football and baseball teammate at Middlebury, started his Secret Service career in the San Francisco office in August and is just beginning his progression.)

Until he shifts to a strictly protective detail, Sengle will spend much of his time battling counterfeiters and other financial and cyber criminals. He often handles 15 cases at once, which is one of the reasons an election year can be so difficult—especially this one, when the sitting president isn't a candidate, leaving more people to protect. During one particularly busy stretch earlier this summer—when he got just two days off in two months—Sengle was assigned to five major events in seven weeks: the Pope's visit to New York, two visits by President Bush in Connecticut, Vice President Dick Cheney's commencement speech at the Coast Guard Academy, and Obama's commencement speech at Wesleyan, where the senator filled in at the last minute for an ailing Ted Kennedy.

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And in the middle of all that, a bank fraud case Sengle had been investigating for six months got hot. His confidential informant arranged a buy with the target, and by using an undercover agent as the buyer, Sengle's team nailed a man who had sold $110,000 in stolen U.S. Treasury checks. (The Secret Service is famous for its efficiency in such cases; of the 29,000 arrests the service has made since 2003, 98 percent of the criminals have been convicted.)

Two months after the fraud bust, Sengle and some other agents tracked a heroin dealer who'd been selling an alarming amount of counterfeit cash in their jurisdiction. They arranged another buy, this one to take place in a deserted parking lot in Hartford late at night. They went in fast and hard, guns drawn, shouting "Police! Police!" as they rushed toward the suspects. Realizing they were cornered, the dealer and his accomplice gave up. "Ninety-nine percent of the time they go peacefully," Sengle says. "It's that one percent you've got to worry about. When they have nothing to lose, it can escalate pretty quick."

On the morning of September 11, 2001, Sengle arrived for work at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue about 9 A.M., same as always. He was a second-year officer at the time, working in the uniformed division that protects the White House. George W. Bush was less than eight months into his presidency. When the news came over their radios that a plane had hit one of the Twin Towers, the officers' hearts quickened, but it wasn't until the second plane tore into the South Tower that they moved to a state of high alert. When American Airlines Flight 77 then disintegrated into the Pentagon a few miles away, Sengle and his colleagues evacuated the White House. "Everything got real serious real quick," he recalls. "They were trying to decapitate our government."

A member of the White House medical team told the officers to write their blood type and allergies on a piece of paper and keep it on their person, to make it easier if a "major event" happened and a mass triage ensued. Once the White House was evacuated, Sengle stood in front of the building and looked out at a gridlocked Washington, D.C., watching panicked citizens flee the city on foot. Then he did what was only natural. He looked straight up. So did everyone he worked with.

They scanned the sky for hours, knowing they were likely to be the next target, but unwilling to yield their position. The fourth plane never made it to the White House, of course. Sengle says he and the other agents who were there that day still talk about the citizens who took United Flight 93 down in a field near Shanksville, Pennsylvania.

No matter how well the Secret Service does its job, the threats never end. Three nights before I was to meet Sengle at the Democratic Convention, a police officer in Aurora, a Denver suburb, pulled over a rented blue pickup truck driving erratically at 1:30 A.M. The man behind the wheel was high on methamphetamine, but that wasn't what alarmed the officer. In addition to drugs, the cop found two high-powered rifles, one of them with a threaded inner barrel for a silencer; a scope calibrated to nearly half a mile; a bullet-proof vest; wigs; masks; walkie-talkies; fake IDs; and boxes of ammunition.

Police arrested two more men within hours, and by morning word had spread: a lucky traffic stop in Aurora, Colorado, may have disrupted a plot to assassinate Barack Obama. According to a statement one of the suspects gave to a local TV station, the men did not feel a black person belonged in political office. They were allegedly planning to kill Obama during his acceptance speech at Invesco Field.

The plot would later be deemed to have been extraordinarily difficult to pull off, which, combined with the fact that all three men were meth addicts, led authorities to label it a non-credible threat. The incident received little national attention as such, and when I asked Sengle about it the next day, he just sighed. "You never know who's planning something big."

To that end, one in four U.S. presidents has had an attempt made on his life, and one in every 10 has been assassinated (the last being President John F. Kennedy in 1963). There is plenty that Sengle is not authorized to discuss as it relates to the protection the service does: how they go about securing a site, code names they use for each candidate, the private lives of the politicians they guard. Secret Service agents also do not like to talk politics. They still are allowed to vote, and with few exceptions they exercise that right; but if they disclosed their party affiliation it could be interpreted as their showing preference for one candidate over the other.

"The office of the president is bigger than one man," Sengle told me the first time we spoke, in February. "We're here to protect the office."

Back at the Pepsi Center, Obama has left the stage and returned to the guard of his personal detail. Sengle sits crumpled in his chair, already exhausted but still with two more hours of work this evening, then a full day at Invesco Field starting the next morning.

After Obama's speech, Sengle will fly to St. Paul, Minnesota, and spend the following week securing the hotel where Senator John McCain and Governor Sarah Palin are staying for the Republican National Convention. Between the two conventions, Sengle—who is married to a nurse, Meaghan, and has a German shepherd named Ruger—will end up working three consecutive weeks, 12 to 14 hours a day.

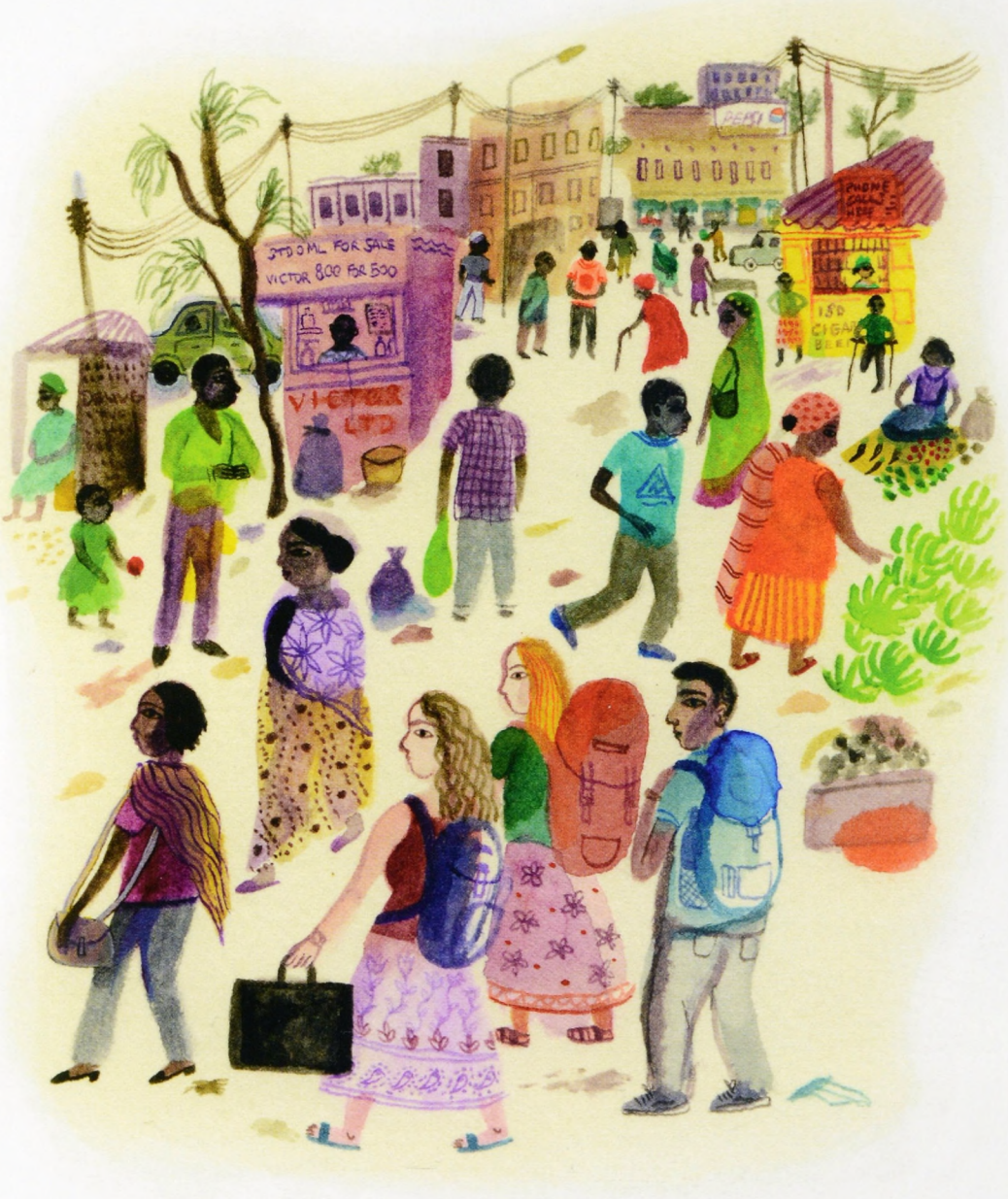
Sengle's earpiece starts chattering. He removes it for a moment, letting it dangle. I ask what he took away from the night, considering both Hillary and Bill Clinton spoke, as well as Biden and Obama, all without incident. "Goes to show all the planning that goes into this, coordinating a site, all the logistics," he says. "We're here to make sure everything goes smoothly and everyone is safe, so the process of electing a president can go on."

And only when that once-every-four-years process has run its course, when the inauguration—or "goal line," as the former running back likes to call it—is over in January, will Sengle be able to exhale.

"I'm definitely going to be taking a week off," he says. "I have no idea where I'm going to go, but I'm taking a week off." He lets the glorious thought sink in, and a grin begins to form. "I might just be on my couch, playing PlayStation."

Uganda's Children

Three Middlebury students go in search of an untold story.



By Aylie Baker '09 • Illustrations by Anna Bhushan

"I have lived a kind of life which is not so much easy," Bonny says, dropping his eyes to finger a thin, golden scar in the rock's face. He presses it gently and looks upward to meet my gaze.

The rock is large. From the dusty street it seems to swell from the red landscape, its silhouette a silvery apparition hovering above the quiet Ugandan town of Lyantonde. Bonny sits cross-legged atop a low shoulder of the rock, his body framed by the dark hills behind him, and he traces lines of tight, blue script across the weathered pages of a notebook. As he shifts his head, murky sunlight splays across his forehead, casting his delicate profile in shadow on the pages before him.

"Not so much easy," he repeats, "but full of complications."

Muwengo Boniface is 18 years old. His father, Muwonge Remegio, is a farmer, as was his grandfather before him. In the hills above the tiny village of Kasagama, Bonny's father raises

goats and distills banana gin behind a small pineapple plot. His mother, Nabayinda Fortunate, takes care of their home. Every day, she sweeps the yard with practiced, graceful strokes; on special occasions, she shells groundnuts on a canvas tarp. Bonny has a younger sister, Namuyomba Annet—who wears a rumpled white gown, once fit for a child princess but now too short and too small and tarnished a rusty sheen—and two older brothers, Lubuko Jerevasio and Seeguya Emmanual. The former sells solar-powered lamps from a dusty shop in the village; the latter is a bouncer in Kampala and dreams one day of fighting in Iraq.

Bonny's family is happy, and they are poor, but not contentedly or romantically so. They believe God has saved them and will continue to save them. But it is Bonny who will help lift them out of poverty. He is the youngest son—and the brightest. He speaks the best English. He has received the most schooling. But the harvest has been poor, and he had been chased away by his professor—with a bump on the head. And so he sits and studies here, at the rock.

It is at the rock that I first meet Bonny.

I ARRIVED IN LYANTONDE WITH MY FRIENDS, Leah Bevis '09 and Vijay Chowdhari '09, in late afternoon on a Tuesday in July. We were rumpled and quarrelsome, in need of open air, in need of space—and, one month into our Kathryn Wasserman Davis Project for Peace, in need of a boost. Our project, "Storytelling in Uganda," was designed to capture the narrative of Ugandan children, and I'd envisioned us roaming stalwartly through a bleak, war-torn landscape armed with only our microphones, recording hundreds of personal stories, stories that would bridge divides, assuage prejudices, and empower individuals.

We planned on archiving 500 stories suitable for radio play; 30 days into our three-month journey, we had completed exactly three.

We formed a rather interesting crew.

Vijay was the token African of the group. He is tall and thin, with matte black hair and dark eyes. Both his grandfathers had traveled from India to Kenya in the early part of the last century to work on the railroad under the British; both married Maasai women. Vijay had grown up in Nairobi, but when he was in primary school, his father had read about the United World Colleges, and Vijay applied and received a scholarship to finish high school in Canada. In Ontario, he had been part of an underground group of boys—one of two, apparently—that played various pranks about the school, and while he has yet to divulge its name, he assures me his group was the cooler one. I'm not surprised. Vijay is cool. He reads Nietzsche and watches Bollywood and has a penchant for political theater. He is a self-declared cynic, one of those real realists, and he likes to tease.

Leah was a force of nature. Of average height with elbow length golden hair, she dislikes tan lines and scoffs at the notion that her freckles are "cute." She took a year off between high school and college, spending most of the time working in an orphanage in Malawi, so she came to our group well-versed in African culture. Compulsive, a know-it-all, fiercely passionate—she was our leader.

With Vijay as the African veteran and Leah as skipper of our ship, it fell upon me to be our group's navigator, a mission I took on eagerly, if a bit naively. I grew up on the coast of Maine in a town dotted with old, shuttered Capes and an annual Clam Festival held on the village green. My hometown is quaintly picturesque, but in reality more of a wealthy satellite suburb of the city of Portland than a traditional seaside town. My high school was almost entirely white middle class. The students wore brand-name clothes and partied at the Cousin's Island beach on weekends. If they did volunteer work, their parents paid for them to go to exotic places like Honduras or Bolivia.

In high school, Africa was an afterthought in our history classes. What precious little I knew, I'd gleaned from reading Hemingway and listening to my mother's childhood memories of living in Tanzania, where my Grandpa Snuff was once a missionary doctor in Dar es Salaam. I hadn't heard of Mau Mau or Idi Amin or Lumumba. Africa was a foreign vista of jungle, monkeys, cowries, colonialism, and poverty. Vijay was the first African I had ever known.

And so when Leah approached me in December 2006 with the notion of recording children's narratives in Uganda, I didn't even stop to think. I wanted to see the world. I wanted to do good. I wanted to listen. We spent the next six months planning for our summer expedition. Furious e-mailing and Leah's persistent phone calls produced a bounty of material (gleaming radio equipment, two MacBook computers) and homework (crash courses in radio production and African history). By June, we were prepared. Or so we thought.

During our first days in Kampala, I walked around the city in a befuddled stupor, staring slack-jawed at the garbage-strewn streets, at the wrinkled grandmothers in their brightly colored dresses, at the crippled children skirting the roadside. I was confronted with a geography, a class, a culture, a language, a poverty I had never known before.

As the weeks progressed and we left the capital city for Uganda's rural countryside, our project was challenged daily. We struggled to find suitable places to interview the children. We often forgot to turn on a mic or to press "record." We found the editing process on the road to be much more difficult than it was back in the friendly confines of our Middlebury dorm rooms. A single story was taking us three weeks to complete. And to think we'd once envisioned recording 20 stories per day.

ON THE AFTERNOON WE ARRIVED IN LYANTONDE, the heat was palpable. As we walked toward the rock, the heat seemed to surge forth in dank, rusty currents, coaxing sweat—and frustration—from our glistening brows. Our bus ride had been longer than expected, and we were in a foul mood. For several hours, we hadn't talked, or even thought, about our project.

It was Vijay who stumbled upon Bonny. Scaling a shoulder on the rock's eastern face, Vijay had literally bumped into him while he was bent in concentration over his open notebook. They chatted casually for a while, and soon their laughter was echoing over the rocky landscape.

As I joined the conversation, Bonny was explaining how the

headmaster of the Kasambya secondary school had chased him away. He gestured toward a slew of buildings just visible among the adjacent hills. Vijay asked him why, and he replied outright. "I have no school fees. But me, I shall cope up with the situation." I was surprised. His statement was neither morose nor pity seeking. It was matter-of-fact, accepting. And then he began to tell us about his life.

"I have lived a kind of life which is not so much easy. Not so much easy, but full of complications."

I AM LOST IN BONNY'S LIFE STORY, when a young boy on a bicycle rounds the rock's western face. He is casually pumping the bike's pedals, and if it is possible for one to swagger while riding a bicycle, he has perfected the art. A fragile-looking woman is perched behind him, a chicken squirming in her lap.

As he passes us, the boy quickens his pace and shouts, "*Ah, muzungu, muzungu!*" ("Ah, white person, white person!").

I smile, sadly. "*Oli otya muganda?*" ("How are you, Ugandan?") It had become an accustomed refrain in our travels. Depending on whom you ask, *muzungu* can translate to sunburned white man or man who walks in circles. Only recently had it begun to wear on me, its utterance a constant reminder of our outsider status. Now, alighting from the lips of this young boy, it leaves an unsettling feeling in my stomach.

We were quick to learn that from many Ugandans, white means money. But who could blame them? Here we were, recording stories for "peace," but to what end? How many mouths were we feeding? How many lives were we saving? I wondered if we might ever transcend the connotations associated with our skin. I wondered if friendship is possible, if peace is possible.

Bonny ducks his head in embarrassment and tries to change the subject. "These are my classmate Doreen's," he says quickly, motioning to the notebook he is still carrying. "She wants to run for parliament."

I smile.

Bonny never called us *muzungu*.

Eventually, we head into town, where we take Bonny out to dinner. The restaurant is dark. Three men are playing billiards, and they cast long, lanky shadows that swim in circles across our glasses. At the bar, a manager sits, counting change. "We're recording stories for radio," Leah says brightly, raveling and unraveling a lock of hair around her forefinger.

"Life testimonies?" Bonny ventures knowingly, eyeing a waitress who has just emerged from the kitchen, her hands laden with steaming food.

"Anything," Leah answers, also eyeing the food. "Your father, your brother, the rock…"

Bonny raises his eyebrows.

"If someone from Kampala listened to your story on radio, it would be as though they had been given a window into your life," Leah says. "They might think, 'Wow. Bonny is different from me, but when I listen to his story I feel like I understand a piece of him. That I understand part of his soul.'" She lingers on this last syllable, drawing it out as one might a passionate conversation or a sigh of exhaustion.

Bonny nods, and Leah continues.

"We've been in Kampala working with kids, now Lyantonde and then to Gulu."

"People are the same everywhere," I jump in.

"Exactly. Our goal is to record stories throughout these three areas and then to air them all over the country, eventually even in the U.S."

There is a pause.

"The U.S.?" Bonny asks. "But the blacks there, I have heard they are slaves."

"But of course that's not …" I start to say,

Leah curses loudly and slams her open hand down on the table. "*Absolutely* not!"

A sunburned white woman at the next table eyes us suspiciously. Bonny offers Leah a thin smile and bows his head to examine his food.

Then Leah plunges.

"The U.S. may not be the greatest country, in my opinion… ." At this, Vijay and I shoot her a warning glare, but she proceeds, unruffled. "Like, if it's got one thing going for it, it's that everyone's got the same rights by law. Like, human rights, they're one of the most important guarantees in our constitution. Life, liberty, property, whatever. Sure, when all's said and done, we've certainly got a filthy track record, and like it may mean more in words than in practice, and then there's the whole issue of the

U.S. abroad. Jesus. Flipping imperialism. Just look at Iraq."

Leah suddenly becomes quiet. When she opens her mouth again, it is in an attempt to rein in her passionate outburst. "But really . . . ," she begins slowly before trailing off.

"People are the same *everywhere*," I repeat, reaching out to touch Bonny's arm. Bonny bats his eyes, embarrassed. It sounds hollow as I say it, resembling an impossible promise or some prosaic catechism. I'm not quite sold myself. Intrinsically, we might be the same. But the opportunities are so disparate.

We stay at the restaurant until nearly eleven, chatting quietly. Bonny has been welcome company. He's nearly finished with secondary school, he tells us. If he's allowed to go back to school, he might start dreaming of attending Makere University in Kampala, he says. He wants to study business management, maybe Internet technology. For now, though, he plans to continue studying at the rock by day and sneaking back to the dormitory by night.

We walk him to the main street to catch a moped taxi, and Bonny tells us about his family's farm. We give him some money so he can return home and collect the necessary school fees. In the meantime, we say, we'll be nearby, working just a mile or so down the road.

Two weeks pass, and then Bonny shows up at our hotel to record his story. He speaks easily, with a melodic timbre all his own. He talks of his farm in the rising hills and of his mother, Beatrice. He talks about the rock and its geological makeup. He talks about his hazy future and his dreams for his family. He talks about Africa, and orphans, and AIDS.

For more than two hours, Vijay and I listen. It's dark when Bonny finishes. We walk with him for a while and give him a small penlight and some food. He hugs us and says good-bye.

Only later do we realize that we had not pressed Record.

We never asked Bonny to record again. It probably would have been beautiful. But it would have been on our terms and it wouldn't have been the same Bonny we knew. Re-listening to a story seemed false and the sentiment insincere.

On our last day in Lyantonde, Bonny invited us to visit his family in Kasagama. As we descended into the valley, the rock disappeared behind a banana grove, and the landscape stretched before us, green and shimmering. We were alone on the road. As we rumbled along, Bonny seemed to guide the car with his eyes, tracing the wiry curves with an intimate sense of knowing. Shrouded by a dome of clouds, the plantations swept out before us, large swaths of coffee hemmed by crisscrossing paths of liquid burgundy. The air was clean and cold. As it rushed through the windows, we took deep, intoxicating gulps.

"This is our Uganda," Bonny breathed from the middle seat. He spoke softly at first, and then again louder, more slowly. "This is *our* Uganda." I pushed my hair back and grinned. Bonny raised his chin and smiled back, sunlight freckling his closed eyelids.

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The War Within

What goes on in the brain of a combat veteran?

By Matt Jennings **Illustration by Christopher Silas Neale**

The medical facility at Camp Ramadi, the U.S. military base for thousands of soldiers in the heart of Iraq's Al Anbar Province, is a hardened building that features a trauma ward about the size of a small conference room. The walls of the room are lined with medical supplies, and every piece of equipment—gurneys, operating tables, crash carts—is portable, allowing the utmost flexibility when dealing with multiple incoming casualties. When the casualties do come in, the room is often crowded with people, though they are well versed in the choreography of medical combat trauma; rarely does someone get in another's way.

It was here that Chaplain Charlie Purinton of the Vermont National Guard's 86th Brigade had an assigned place, a place where he could always stand each time a wounded guardsman was brought in. He was there when the six Vermont soldiers who lost their lives during Task Force Saber were wheeled in. All six of them came in so badly hurt that they never regained consciousness, but he was with them, each of them, until they died. And he was there when tens of dozens of wounded soldiers—in various states of consciousness and alertness—were wheeled in. They were missing limbs after encounters with improvised explosive devices or were suffering from multiple gunshot wounds.

"The smell, the acrid, unmistakable smell of weaponry was carried into the room on the soldiers' bodies, coupled with the smell of human flesh," Purinton says. "And someone was always just outside the room washing away the blood. Always there. Washing. You don't forget that. It's not an orderly scene like you see on television. It's not that clean."

Charlie Purinton is a thoughtful, soft-spoken man in his early 50s. He has deep-blue eyes and keeps his balding, graying hair regiment tight; his narrow face lends him the appearance of the British actor Pete Postlethwaite. As the brigade chaplain, Purinton maintains an office at Camp Johnson, in Colchester, Vermont, and when he's on base, he wears standard military attire: desert camouflage fatigues, beige T-shirt, desert combat boots, black fleece, and a black beret with the chaplain's insignia affixed on its side.

Purinton was stationed in Iraq with the 86th brigade for a year, from June 2005 to June 2006. While in country, he ministered to individual soldiers; performed weekly services and holiday observations at Saber Chapel, a tent chapel on the base; attended critical incident stress debriefings; and then, of course, was there for the soldiers—the injured, the mortally wounded—when they needed him the most. "At the appropriate time, if the soldier was conscious, I'd let him know that I was there." And he would pray, either with that soldier or alone.

For Purinton, the counseling and ministry continued when the brigade returned to the States. He'd see people who thought they were fine, but then there would be a trigger—it could be

anything in their environment, and they'd realize that they were far from OK. He'd try to give them a sense of strength, Purinton says, and he'd always make a referral—to emergency services, to civilian counselors, to local clergy. Though he saw no direct combat ("I asked the soldiers if they wanted me to accompany them into the field; they said no," he says), he did not leave Iraq unscathed; the horror of war left its mark on him, as well.

On a gray, raw morning in early October, Purinton takes a visitor to a memorial that the Vermont National Guard recently dedicated at Camp Johnson. Standing a few hundred yards from the Guard headquarters, the site consists of a red and brown stone wall, standing about five feet tall and shaped like a horseshoe. In the center sits a pair of sculptures. In one, a bronzed soldier kneels in prayer before the symbol of a fallen soldier—sand bags, combat boots, inverted rifle, helmet. Behind the soldier is a large, rectangular, granite relief sculpture in which military fighters from the Revolutionary War to the present day are etched. And embedded along the wall, on either side of the sculptures, are 11 plaques commemorating the guardsmen who have died in either Iraq or Afghanistan since 2001.

"I either notified their families or were with them when they died," Purinton says of the 11 soldiers. He gestures at the granite plaque. "When the sculptor was here, he said he thought of the etched figures as ghosts."

Purinton pauses.

"We all have our own ghosts. I live with these people every day."

Though it was not officially recognized as a clinical condition until 1980, post-traumatic stress disorder has emerged from the battlefield for centuries, even millennia. Some sources cite the condition as far back as the sixth century BC. (In a recent story in the *New Yorker*, William Finnegan writes that "Odysseus and his men had it.") Physicians during the American Civil War called it "irritable heart." In World War I, it was known as "shell shock," and in World War II as "battle fatigue" or "combat exhaustion." Yet it was the sight of Vietnam veterans suffering once they returned home—some estimate that 15 percent of all male veterans who served in Vietnam have PTSD—that brought the disorder to the nation's attention. And while it has been lodged in the country's consciousness since that time, it's been pushed to the forefront of the American experience during the past seven years, following the personal tragedies suffered on 9/11 and the subsequent wars in Afghanistan and Iraq. A recent study by the RAND Corporation estimates that nearly 20 percent of the service members who have returned from the two war theaters report symptoms of depression or PTSD.

Simply defined, post-traumatic stress disorder is an anxiety disorder that can develop after a person has experienced or witnessed events that involved actual or threatened death or serious injury. Symptoms range from irritability and outbursts of emotion to trouble concentrating and hypervigilance.

"Take the soldier who, for, say, an entire year, has been on patrols searching for IEDs," says Matthew Kimble, an assistant professor of psychology at Middlebury. "He has been expertly taught, trained how to spot these devices in the roadside. They are hidden along the side of the road in garbage bags, or submerged in a hollow hole in the road and partially covered by some cloth or part of a tire. Finding these things is a matter of life and death—and we're not just talking about their lives, but the lives of their fellow soldiers.

"Now, that soldier has come home and he's driving down Route 7, and he sees something mysterious by the side of the road. How do you *expect* him to react?"

Kimble goes on to outline the numerous behavioral traits PTSD sufferers exhibit: feeling as if they are always "on guard"; entering a room and instantly scanning it for exits or risks; walking down the street and scanning rooftops for snipers; jumping at the slightest noise. He talks of a combat veteran who has taken to "walking the perimeter" of his property every night, who heard a suspicious sound outside and dropped to his stomach and crawled on his elbows to the window, only to discover it was his daughter returning home. The noise he heard was the sound of tires on gravel in the driveway.

Kimble, who was trained at the National Center for PTSD at the Jamaica Plain VA Hospital just outside of Boston, is working with a cohort of his students—and Professor Kevin Fleming at Norwich University—on a research project that investigates the brain activity of combat veterans in relation to their response to perceived stressful stimuli. Specifically, he's hoping to shed light on how their altered responses to "normal" everyday stimuli—eating dinner in a restaurant, driving a car down the road—can be traced back to patterns in their brains.

"There's still a stigma associated with PTSD," Kimble says. "People are told they need to be 'tougher.' That it's 'in their head.' Well, maybe it is, literally—we can see it in their brain waves. If we can tie this disorder to changes in the brain, then maybe we can go a long way in the understanding and acceptance of those who are suffering."

In that RAND study, Kimble points out, researchers discovered that only slightly more than half of those veterans diagnosed with PTSD or depression have sought treatment.

Matthew Kimble's lab is located in the lowest floor of McCardell Bicentennial Hall. It consists of two rooms: one that is mainly used as a control room for the researchers and another that is reserved for the participants. During the veterans' project, Kimble has worked with 37 participants, all of whom have experienced some sort of trauma. (Not all are veterans, however, which Kimble says is fine. "It's a good comparison," he says.) The subjects—including Charlie Purinton, the chaplain from Camp Johnson—participated voluntarily, and all received a $50 stipend. Since last year, Kimble has been conducting a pair of experiments—both of which use electroencephalography (EEG) to measure electrical brain waves in response to audio and visual stimuli. The stimuli in each experiment are called event-related potentials, and they are used to study attentional processes in the subjects. Those who suffer from PTSD are thought to have an

attentional bias, in which they pay more attention to trauma-relevant information or cues, while ignoring cues unrelated to their experience.

The subject's session lasts about two hours and begins with a brief interview and the completion of a handful of questionnaires, which are used to determine whether the person in question carries a PTSD diagnosis. (Kimble uses a number of measures, including, but not limited to, the Combat Exposure Scale, the Beck Depression Inventory, the Hypervigilance Scale, and the PTSD Symptom Scale.) The actual study takes place in what is described here as the participants' room. It's a relatively small space, roughly 12' by 13', and is sparsely furnished. After filling out the paperwork, the participant is directed toward a large comfortable chair that faces a computer monitor.

One day in late August, Kimble and one of his students, Julia Kim '10, were working with a participant whom we will call Jane. Like the 37 other participants in the study, Jane had suffered a traumatic episode. As she settled into the chair, Kimble affixed a nylon cap to her head. It resembled a swimmer's racing cap and contained 32 eyelets into which Kimble squirted small dabs of water-soluble, electrolyte gel. Once all the eyelets were filled with the gel, Kimble then began to place electrodes into each hole. "Our brain produces electrical and magnetic currents," he explained. "The gel conducts electricity perfectly. The gel touches the scalp, the electrodes touch the gel." And affixed to each electrode was a wire that led back behind the subject's chair to a black, rectangular object about the size of a toddler's shoebox. This was a bioelectric amplifier, which would amplify the brain signals and pass them, via an optical cable, through the wall to the computers set up in the next room.

Once all the electrodes were attached, Kimble instructed Jane to keep her eyes straight ahead—"act like a mannequin, if you can." He placed headphones over her ears, and then he and Kim retreated to the researchers' control room.

In this first experiment, Jane was asked to silently count the number of high-pitched tones that she heard. These tones, called "target" tones, were interspersed between two other sounds, one "regular" and frequent, and the other "novel" and infrequent. As Jane listened, Kimble and Kim were next door in the control room, watching 32 multicolored lines squiggle across a Dell computer monitor; these were Jane's brain waves. For the next five minutes, Jane listened for tones, and every once in a while she was prompted to say how many she had heard. Each time she answered, Kim jotted the figure down. This occurred for five minutes, during which Kimble and Kim chatted. "It can get tedious," Kimble would admit later. "It's not diagnostic. We're not there looking at the brain waves, looking for that 'a-ha' moment. Basically, we're watching it to make sure all the electrodes are functioning properly." The computer is recording all the data, he said, which will be analyzed later.

With the first experiment completed, Kimble went back into Jane's room and explained how the second experiment would work. In this one, Jane would be watching a computer monitor, which would be displaying a series of sentences. She had a keyboard across her lap, and she was instructed to push a button every time she saw a sentence end the way she expected it to. Sixty-three sentences were presented, and each ended one of three ways: with an expected word, an unexpected or nonsensical word, or a trauma-relevant word. Back in the control room, Kimble explained, "Early evidence has shown that people with PTSD expect the final word to be bad. They are waiting for the other shoe to drop."

He reached forward and pushed a button on another computer monitor, and a black-and-white image of the back of Jane's head flickered to life on the screen. "OK, Jane, ready?" Kimble said into a microphone. "Let's begin . . ."

"We're getting close to having enough data to do a careful analysis."

Matthew Kimble is sitting in the Juice Bar on campus, nursing a cup of coffee. In a few months, he'll be going to Chicago, where he will present his preliminary findings at the annual gathering of the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies.

There are two interesting things going on, he explains. "Let's look at the sentence paradigm. Preliminary indications show that those with PTSD expect bad things to happen. One of the symptoms of the disorder is a foreshortened sense of future. We're seeing this in the N400 brainwave." In the PTSD group, he explained, the N400s for trauma-relevant sentence endings will be smaller than in the control group. "That is because N400s are indicators of semantic expectancy. Individuals with PTSD are more likely to expect trauma-relevant endings. It's *normal* to them."

On the auditory task, he continues, "A certain symptom profile—that a person with PTSD is prone to dissociation—reliably predicts small brain responses to unusual sounds in the environment. People who dissociate have a capacity for intense attentional focus on one thing, and they screen out environmental stimuli. In this experiment, they are displaying inadequate attention to the novel stimuli, which the rest of us would be hyper aware of. The data has shown that people who tend to dissociate show adequate attention to target sounds, but not to novel sounds." The researchers saw that in the experiment, Kimble says. While the subjects were so focused on counting the target sounds, their brainwaves demonstrated limited attention when novel stimuli were presented.

While this all sounds fascinating, it remains in a clinical, even antiseptic, realm until you consider something Chaplain Purinton says a few weeks later. He has been asked about the scene inside the medical theater, at that moment when fresh casualties have been brought into the room. With all that is going on, with all the commotion involving screaming soldiers, doctors, and nurses barking out instructions, the crash and rattle of movable objects, isn't it too loud to think? To pray?

"It's strange what happens to the senses," Purinton says calmly. "At first there's a sense of distortion, and then you become hyperfocused. Who you are listening to is what you hear. All ambient noise fades away until it's a faint hum." And as he describes this scene, you can visualize just what was happening in his brain.

Alex Rossmiller '04 went to work for the [redacted] because he wanted to serve his country. But after witnessing [redacted] in [redacted] and blatant [redacted] of intelligence at the [redacted] he found that the most patriotic act he could make was to tell the world about it.

>> Artificial Intelligence >>

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"I passionately believe that those with the ability to contribute to their country also have a responsibility to do so." —A. J. Rossmiller, **Still Broken: A Recruit's Inside Account of Intelligence Failures, from Baghdad to the Pentagon**

But for one detail, you'd be hard pressed to pick out the former Defense Intelligence Agency analyst from among the two-dozen or so students milling around the large second-floor conference room in the Robert A. Jones '59 House, home to Middlebury's Rohatyn Center for International Affairs.

It's an unseasonably warm day in the middle of March, so most of the students are decked out in spring comfort-wear: light fleeces, down vests, Midd sweat shirts. The former analyst, though closer in age to the twenty somethings than to the professors and townsfolk who have also descended on RAJ, stands just a little bit apart because he's sporting a wrinkled, gray pinstriped suit and maroon dress shirt. Otherwise, you'd just assume that the tall, lanky fellow with a boyish haircut, boats for shoes (size 15), and a somewhat pasty skin tone is one of the many eager students who have turned out for a noonday lecture on the Iraq War.

Standing in line for a turkey sandwich, Alex Rossmiller '04 offers a somewhat nervous smile and mutters, "Yeah, this is all a little weird. Just a few years ago, I was sitting right *there*." He gestures toward a pair of chairs where a young man and young woman are engaged in an animated conversation. Of course, what he doesn't say, what he doesn't need to say because you already know, is that more recently he was in Iraq, where he lived for six months at an army base within the Baghdad International Airport Complex, amid the scorpions and mortar blasts and oppressive heat and superfine sand, the kind of sand that invades your eyes and ears and nose and mouth and never seems to go away. And more recently, he was ensconced in the bowels of the Pentagon, where he worked 14-hour days, six, sometimes seven days a week, crafting intelligence reports in support of the Iraq War * for the government's main intelligence unit, the Defense Intelligence Agency's Office of Iraq Analysis (or, DIA's OIA).

He quickly wolfs down his sandwich, and as people settle into their seats, paper plates balanced on their laps, he makes his way to the front of the room, where Allison Stanger, the director of the Rohatyn Center, is standing behind a podium. With apparent pride, she rattles off his résumé highlights—National Security Network fellow; former intelligence analyst; member of the Truman National Security Project; political science commentator and blogger; first-year law student; an alum of [the class] PS311, American Foreign Policy ("his most impressive accomplishment," she says with a smile); and "most importantly, he's the author, at this young age, believe it or not, of a brand-new book with Random House."

She wraps up the introduction, and Rossmiller, flashing once again that almost sheepish smile, walks to the podium, shakes her hand, and turns to face the room. As he starts to speak, a radical change washes over him—he's in command of the room. He has a fairly deep voice, and even when he's being charmingly self-deprecating ("It's great to be back—I

thought that I'd be banned forever") and conversational ("So, I wrote this book"), it is clear that he is one to take seriously.

Behind him, a large, white screen displays the first slide of a PowerPoint presentation. Dominating the frame is a washed-out photograph of a square in a military compound in Iraq. A "Stay Off the Grass" sign is staked in the ground, in the middle of the square, but there is not a green blade in sight, only a parched landscape of cracked earth and sand. The heading for the slide reads: "Iraq: Intelligence, War, and Politics."

He begins: "The disclaimer that I'm still required by contract to say: These are not the views of the United States government. These are not the views of the Defense Intelligence Agency, nor of the Pentagon." He pauses a beat. "I think that will be pretty clear, but I'm required to say it nonetheless." The room fills with laughter.

The title of the book, which has brought a small measure of national acclaim to Rossmiller and the reason he's standing in the Robert A. Jones House on this March day, is *Still Broken: A Recruit's Inside Account of Intelligence Failures, from Baghdad to the Pentagon.*

Alex Rossmiller was in his Hadley dorm room when the Towers fell. He was a sophomore at the College, and today he carries a vivid recollection of sitting at his desk and following the day's events on his computer. The attack "infuriated" him. He would call it "an assault on the moral ideals of America" and "a personal affront"—he grew up just outside of New York City, and his father worked in the old Bankers Trust Building just across the street from the North Tower. That morning, Rossmiller writes, his father "walked uptown through the shrapnel* and soot that rained down on lower Manhattan."

For days, he didn't leave his room, except to go to class. He was always a motivated student, he says, but the events of 9/11 "took it to another level." He read and studied all the time, pulling frequent all-nighters—and obsessed over the news, all of which he read online. "I'm probably the only person on the planet who has never seen the planes fly into the Towers," he says today. "I'm not entirely sure why. It's probably because for days I was just reading everything—I didn't watch TV; I still don't really watch TV for news—and now . . . " he pauses, "I don't need to see it. I know what happened."

In the book, he writes that he considered leaving

* Later, when asked about his word choice, "shrapnel," Rossmiller seems momentarily taken aback. "No one's asked me about that before, and I've never really given it that much thought. That's how I think of it. Those planes were an attack, an act of war."

* That Rossmiller found the Office of Iraq Analysis to have a veneer of control under which minor anarchy reigned"; hat when he arrived in the office, three years into the ar, analysts were still working in a temporary work space, quipped with 60 computer stations for 80 people, and hat of the 60 stations, only 15 had access to one of two ecessary classified systems and only 12 had an unclassified nternet connection, well, let's just say that we'll learn ore about that later.

* And the fight in Afghanistan, he makes clear, was not only necessary, but also imperative. "I understood the importance of responding appropriately, in a way that reinforced both [America's] virtues and power, thereby reasserting justice and decency in the face of defiance."

school and joining the military. He didn't, rationalizing that he could better serve the country by getting his degree and then applying that knowledge in some capacity, but he admits that "better, braver individuals with my feelings would have left immediately to join the fight." *

One month after graduating from Middlebury, Rossmiller had that opportunity when he was offered a job with the Defense Intelligence Agency. Following the end of the Cold War, intelligence agencies underwent a paradigm shift in hiring practices, focusing on generalists, "smart people," Rossmiller writes, "who know how to think and analyze and can develop expertise in any issue." (The writing-intensive education that he received at Middlebury, where logical construction is emphasized, was the perfect training ground, he writes.) The rising generation, he explains, has grown up with the reality of globalization and international independence and has been weaned on non-state actors and decentralized network theory. As a political science major at a leading liberal arts institution, Rossmiller was an ideal candidate. "I have very few marketable skills; I can read and I can write," he self-deprecatingly says in an interview—plus, as hokey as it sounds, he seems like he was born to do this stuff. "I was the kid who read the op-ed page in elementary school . . . I didn't really play sports and didn't spend a lot of time outside," he laughs.

The agency that Rossmiller joined had a 70 to 30 ratio of civilian to military personnel. But the atmosphere was overwhelmingly military, he says, because a large number of the civilians were either retired military or reservists. He describes the DIA as a "secretive, insular world, dedicated to defending America at home and advancing her interests abroad."

When he arrived, in 2004, "the single most important issue at DIA was, of course, Iraq." He describes an intelligence community that was "pissed at leadership for screwing things up so badly," but otherwise passionate about improving the situation. It was a passion he shared, and while he had never agreed with the decision to *go* to war with Iraq, he felt just as strongly that fixing Iraq was America's responsibility.

Just a few months into his tenure, a call went out for volunteers to go overseas. Rossmiller had just 24 hours to decide, but he needed all of 24 seconds. He felt "compelled to make as big a contribution as possible, and that meant going overseas."

He writes: "I finally had the chance to make the kind of contribution that I had wanted to make for years. I would be able to use my education, my expertise, and good judgment to support the defense priorities of my country. I would be doing mission-critical intelligence in the field, in the heart of the most important region of the world for American foreign policy. . . . I couldn't wait to get my assignment and throw myself completely into the work."

Still Broken is basically divided into two parts. The first part begins with an introduction to the narrator and his motivations for joining the DIA and then focuses on Rossmiller's tour in Iraq. He likens his arrival in Iraq to stepping onto another planet. But far more shocking, he explains, was to discover the extent of the intelligence clusterf*ck they were entering. The group they were replacing hadn't acquired *any* actionable intelligence to support either strategic or tactical functions, and when Rossmiller's team hit the ground, they learned that "there was basically no mission for us"—the DIA administrators in D.C. who had arranged the deployment had not communicated with the Intel operations hub on the ground in Iraq. "The top-level supervisors on our team had been given an assignment by their DIA bosses, but those directions were inoperative on the ground." What Rossmiller's squad had been trained to do had already been assigned to other teams already in Iraq.

Eventually, after days of bureaucratic turf battles that spill out over a chapter's worth of pages, Rossmiller's group of two-dozen intelligence officers gets its assignments; Rossmiller would be part of a direct action team that would support tactical operations in the field.

This "track 'em and whack 'em" assignment makes for gripping narrative. Rossmiller describes 85-hour work-weeks, where he pores over intelligence reports to create "target packages"—satellite imagery, physical descriptions of locations and people, and rap sheets of the targets' misdeeds—for troops on the ground. "I had no moral qualms about targeting the fighters," he writes, "and despite intense concern with the politics of the war, I was 100 percent committed to supporting the war fighter and helping to establish a civil society."

But he also confronted messy situations. In one scene a few months into his deployment, he describes being invited to assist an Army brigade with detainee in-processing. With the help of one of Rossmiller's target packages, U.S. forces had rounded up suspected insurgents and accessories, but the number of Iraqis brought to the outdoor operations center stunned the intelligence analyst. From what he knew of the target package and was witnessing in the interrogations, he deduced that very few of the 40 or 50 Iraqis blindfolded and handcuffed were involved in the insurgency or had any significant intelligence value. It was at this moment that he learned of a "massive" structural breakdown: "The people in the field thought that [Abu Ghraib] prison would decide who needed to stay and who needed to be let go, but those at Abu G thought anybody delivered to them was a guilty [expletive]." Everybody gathered up in the sweep was off to Abu Ghraib for three months, and; Rossmiller writes, "If they weren't bad guys before, they will be." *

When Rossmiller's Iraq deployment ended, he returned stateside for an assignment at the Pentagon. He had requested and been granted a role with DIA's Office of Iraq Analysis

Strategic Team. His plane touched down in D.C. in the early morning hours of a Saturday, and on the following Monday, he reported for work at the Pentagon.

The second half of Still Broken examines Rossmiller's time in the Pentagon, and it's here, he will later write in an e-mail, where "things completely and totally went off the rails." It's somewhat surprising to the reader, because by this point in the book, the reader has been conditioned to feel that the big problems were overseas, in Iraq, but for Rossmiller, the trouble clearly started at home.

There were the literal bureaucratic battles over turf: Not only was the Office of Iraq Analysis—the *main* intelligence office for the Iraq War *—working in temporary quarters with more analysts than computers (and few of those computers were outfitted with the necessary network paths), but right across the hall, *within sight of the analysts,* was an empty room with up to 70 (!) empty workstations. So while analysts were forced to work in shifts, a room filled with computers, most of which had two or three of the network paths necessary for intelligence work, sat unused. "The adjacent space had been empty for months before I arrived," Rossmiller writes. "It remained so throughout the time I spent at OIA, and, according to friends still in the office, it's unoccupied as of this writing."

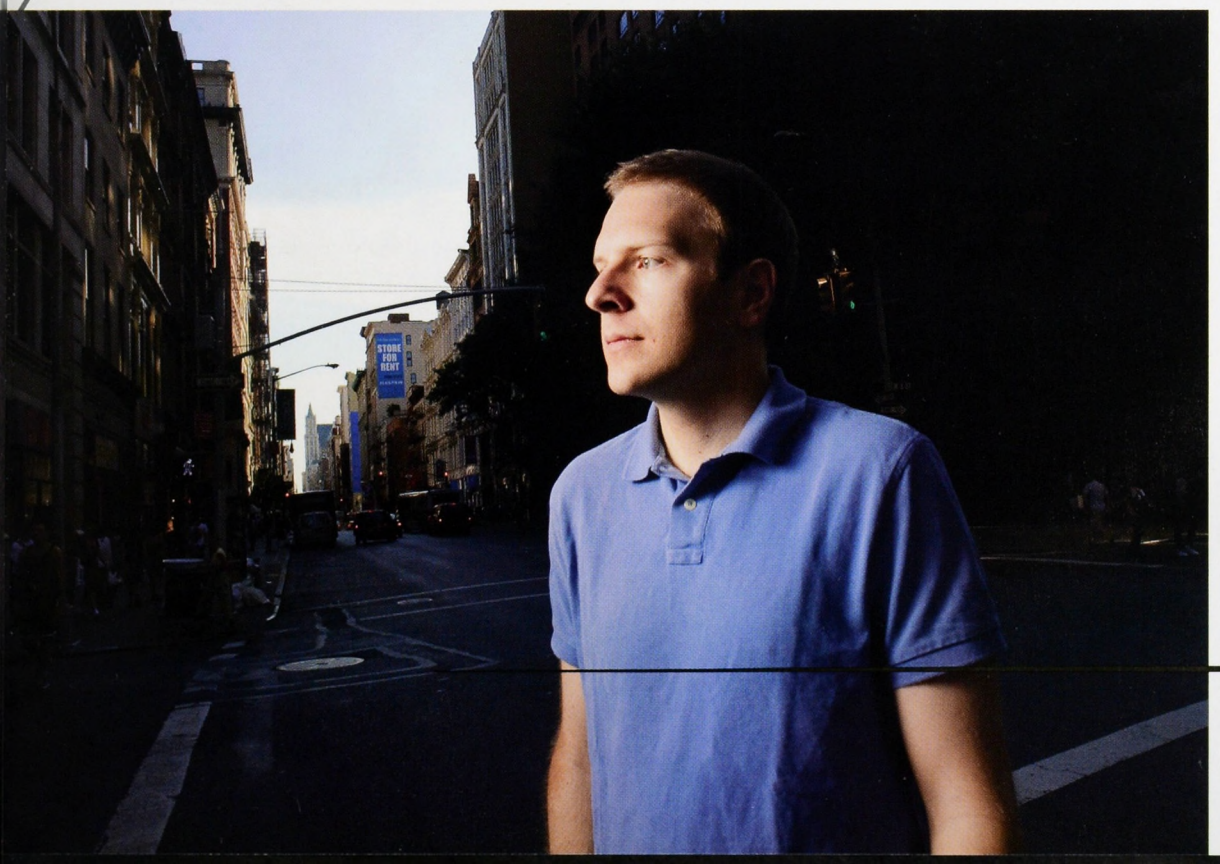
Far more troubling to Rossmiller, and ultimately the impetus for his decision to leave the agency, was what he saw as consistent politicalization of intelligence. Rossmiller was tasked to write high-importance reports on long-term issues, including Iraqi elections, various internal political machinations, and other strategic efforts of ethnic groups and parties within the country; he was also called upon regularly to brief the J2, or head of the Intelligence Directorate of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Time and again, to his dismay, when analysis was presented to "leadership" (division chiefs, senior office intelligence officers, and even the J2), analysts were admonished for being "too pessimistic," or, even more chillingly, "off message."

"Ad hominem attacks were substituted for analytical discussion," Rossmiller writes. "Analysts supported assessments with reams of documentary evidence, and leadership asked for more balance and less pessimism. . . . There is nothing wrong with analytical disagreement—the intelligence community could use more of it—but this was manipulation."

For Rossmiller, the most difficult moment came in the run-up to the Iraqi national elections in December 2005. He had written a detailed report predicting that the Islamist parties would trounce secularists when the Iraqi people went to the polls, but on the eve of the election, the office chief directed Rossmiller's team to create a PowerPoint slide for

* In the Q&A portion of his talk at the Rohatyn Center, Rossmiller reiterated this belief that many people went into Abu Ghraib innocent and came out insurgents; he also said that he had absolutely no sympathy for the really bad guys. "None." And he expressed empathy for the soldiers. "From a tactical standpoint, I could see how units might make this decision. The more men off the streets, the fewer there are to launch attacks. But from a strategic viewpoint, it's horrifying and destined for failure." In the book, he scathingly adds, "It was broken policy created and blindly supported by the Department of Defense and White House leadership against all rationality and common sense."

* This was not just tactical intelligence for troops on the ground, but strategic as well. "Under most circumstances, the CIA is at the forefront of government-level intelligence," Rossmiller writes. "During wartime, however, DIA takes the lead on many issues the CIA would otherwise control," including strategic intelligence.



the J2 saying the exact opposite. The collective view of the analysts was that this was wrong, yet the chief carried the moment, and the next day, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs and the secretary of defense were told that the secular candidates were gaining ground. Later that day, the secular parties went down to resounding defeats. *

In the passing weeks and months, Rossmiller became more discouraged. Even though the Iraq section was "uniquely prescient within the intelligence community," analysts kept being admonished to "tone it down," to stop being "off message." Those who spoke out, either left or were transferred. He writes: "A process that inhibits analysts' ability to do their job correctly, and that hurts the ability of decision makers to see and act on accurate, unadulterated assessments, is crippling to the safety and security of Americans and to a capable and effective foreign policy. . . . The atmosphere of pressure and influence is so pervasive, I don't think people realize how insidious it is." Ultimately, Rossmiller decided he could no longer be a part of it.

* Rossmiller's report received a great deal of attention after the fact; many people, including Stephen Cambone, the first ever undersecretary of defense for intelligence, wanted to know how he got it right. When Rossmiller wrote a paper explaining his methodology, he says, that came under fire. The very people who got it wrong were now challenging the methodology of the person who got it right in the first place.

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On a chilly but clear February day in Washington, D.C., Alex Rossmiller has somewhat awkwardly folded his six-foot, five-inch frame onto a low brown couch in a spacious suite in the boutique Hotel Helix *, just a few blocks off Dupont Circle. He's talking about how he came to write the book (he had left the Defense Intelligence Agency without a job, but soon landed part-time gigs with a think tank and a political blog), when he's interrupted by his buzzing cell phone. It's Air America, the progressive talk radio network, calling for a scheduled interview. *Still Broken* has just been published, and the radio host wants to get Rossmiller's sense of the situation in Iraq. "Our presence allows every side—Shias, Sunnis, Kurds—to believe that if they hold out just a little bit longer, they'll get what they want." He predicts that the surge in U.S. forces and the cooperation of Sunni Awakening Councils will lead to a reduction in violence, and that we'll start to see agreements with moderate troop drawdowns *, "but it will be a tenuous situation. It will remain that way until folks get the message that we won't always be there to referee."

* He wrote Still Broken in a Starbucks around the corner and came to the Helix most evenings, where he would have a drink at the bar. He eventually befriended both the bartender and hotel manager, and they hooked him up with the suite on this visit.

He checks his watch, answers a few more questions, and then finishes the interview. After hanging up, he plops back down on the coach with a big sigh and a wan smile.

"I'm a policy nerd; I love this stuff," he says. "By nature, I'm not an excitable person. I'm really dispassionate about a lot of things—my ex-girlfriends will tell you what a problem this is—but people need to know this stuff. It's a very specific story, at a very specific agency, and a very specific time." It's a wormhole view of intelligence and the war, he says.

But it is one hell of a view. Lawrence Wilkerson, the chief of staff to Colin Powell when Powell served as secretary of state, has said: "Rossmiller is a truth-teller, a rarity today, and the title of his book—*Still Broken*—is the succinct truth about the U.S. intelligence apparatus. That apparatus is not only failing, but it is failing catastrophically. To understand part of the reason why, read Mr. Rossmiller's book."

For his part, Rossmiller doesn't want to tell people what to think—he just wants to give them the information. "You make the decision that you can, based on the information that you have," he says. "That's what we passionately believed in as analysts. I wanted the book to follow the same philosophy: give people the information and let them make their own decisions."

He excuses himself and goes into another room, reappearing 30 minutes later wearing the same wrinkled pinstriped gray suit and maroon shirt combo that he'll don a few weeks later in Middlebury.

A quick cab ride across town takes him to the headquarters of the Center for American Progress, a progressive think tank, where the National Security Network is holding a party to celebrate the book's launch. Lawrence Korb, an assistant secretary of defense under Ronald Reagan and an authority on national security, is there in his role as a fellow at American Progress. In an introduction, he'll call attention to Rossmiller's "courageous choices—to join the DIA, to go to Iraq, and to then speak out on what he saw."

Rand Beers, a former counterterrorism adviser who served on the National Security Council under every president since Reagan, is in attendance, too. He's now the chairman of the board and president of the National Security Network and he'll tell anyone within earshot how proud he is of Rossmiller.

But the largest contingent in the room of 75 or so people consists of folks who appear to be in their late 20s and early 30s. They greet Rossmiller with hugs and claps on the back and then proceed to grab copies of *Still Broken*, which has been made available for the event. They not only ask Rossmiller to sign it, they begin to sign each others' books, an elaborate Kabuki exchange of books and pens and scribbled accolades. But they aren't signing their actual names; instead, they sign the pseudonyms that appear in the text of *Still Broken*. For these three-dozen current and former Defense Intelligence Agency analysts who have turned out to celebrate their former colleague's new book, some things must remain secret.

* Rossmiller remains extremely plugged in to security issues as a fellow with the National Security Network, and once again, he'd prove to be extremely prescient.

Alex Rossmiller '04 will receive the Young Alumni Achievement Award at his 5th reunion next spring.

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THE MANDOLIN MAN
By marrying his love for bluegrass with the sensibilities of a scientist, Andrew Mowry has become one of the premier mandolin makers in the world. Photograph by John Valls

Fine Tuning

What does it take to become one of the world's premier luthiers?

By David Wolman '96

Andrew Mowry '98 holds a tiny swatch of gray sandpaper and leans over a workbench. A lamp angled downward sprays a bright circle of light onto the subject at hand, as if this workshop were an operating suite. Mowry dips the sandpaper into a blue mixing bowl of water and then, with his nose just inches from the maple body of the mandolin, begins sanding. The motion is so gentle that it's almost imperceptible. Yet sure enough, after a minute or two, the tended-to corner of the mandolin begins to look that much smoother. That much closer to perfect.

Not that the instrument is done. Sanding alone can take weeks. After that, Mowry will apply a "super-thin layer of shellac, to get that final gloss." Over the course of the year, Mowry will spend countless hours in his Bend, Oregon, shop building 15 mandolins for customers throughout North America and Europe.

Tuned like a violin, mandolins look like the pudgy offspring of a guitar and a ukulele. With eight strings roughly 14 inches long and tuned in pairs of G, D, A, and E, mandolins are most popular for playing bluegrass and Celtic music. Among luthiers—that's makers of stringed instruments—only a tiny group of people in the world build mandolins for a living. This lean 32-year-old with sawdusted hair and a goatee is one of them, and he is fast making a name for himself as a woodworking maestro. His instruments can sell for upwards of $5,000, and the buzz about his craftsmanship can be heard, although not necessarily understood by non-aficionados, throughout mandolin circles, such as this riff from the Web site JazzMando.com: "Mowry has artfully mastered the proper selection of wood and internal carving for maximum warmth and sustain."

Growing up in Grafton, Vermont, Mowry was surrounded by music. His grandfather and siblings all did some fiddling or picking, and his first instrument was a violin. But he soon strayed. "I have this problem where I can't resist learning to play lots of different instruments," says Mowry, "but I never have the discipline to learn any of them really well." In high school, Mowry was drawn to woodworking. He first made a drum, and some wooden flutes and whistles, followed by his first "real" stringed instrument, a dulcimer. Then he bought a book about mandolins, and over the course of a school year, he made his first one. "I lived some miles from other kids," says Mowry of his atypical teenage hobby. "I was also a bit of an introvert. And a geek," he adds, laughing.

A gifted geek. At Middle-

THE SOUND OF SCIENCE

Andrew Mowry brings a scientist's sensibility to his craft. "For me," says the former geologist, "precision is a way to make a name for myself."

Photograph by John Valls

bury, Mowry majored in geology and spent his downtime pursuing bluegrass. He never thought of mandolins as a career; it was just something to play in a band. "No one else [in college] played it. It was possible to be a mediocre mandolin player and people would want to 'jam' with me." To fellow "bluegrassophiles," recalls Mowry, it was like: "Why have eight guitars when you could have seven guitars and a mandolin?"

After graduation, he moved around a lot: a summer internship in Mozambique, followed by stints in Santa Fe, New Mexico; Lincoln, Nebraska; and Portland and then Eugene, Oregon, where Mowry earned a graduate degree in physical geography at the University of Oregon.

The next move was to Missoula, Montana, in 2003, where his wife, Sarah (Nichols) '98, was enrolled in graduate school. It was there, in the basement of their rented home, that Mowry finally had a chance to get back to woodworking. "The space was tiny, dark and dank, and I shared it with a furnace," he says.

Bluegrass is big in the Northwest, and Mowry soon connected with Greg Boyd, owner of House of Fine Instruments, in downtown Missoula. "Every now and then, people come into my store and say something like, 'Hey, I make guitars. Maybe you can sell them?" says Boyd. He will take a look, but almost always ends up delivering a delicate rejection.

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With Mowry, it was different. "Andrew called and very politely told me that he had made a couple of mandolins, and asked if I would *critique* them." As soon as Boyd saw what Mowry had produced—on his own and with almost zero mentorship—Boyd knew the Vermonter had the right stuff. "That first mandolin he brought us, you could say some minor things, like the color was a little washed or something, but it was hitting all the elements as far as sound." Those first instruments, recalls Boyd, showed that Mowry "was really doing what the big boys were doing, the guys with years and years of experience." Without hesitation, Boyd lent Mowry a hand with some insider tips, about where to get the best materials, for example. "And then I told him he will always have a standing order with us."

Fast-forward to 2005, when the couple moved to Bend after Sarah landed a job with the local land trust. They bought a small bungalow equipped with the skeleton of a workshop. Mowry added a new wall, insulation, and wiring, and before long was accumulating the myriad tools of a luthier's shop: table saw, electric sander, standing drill, plastic jugs filled with varnish, instrument molds hanging from the walls, shelves overflowing with strips and blocks of spruce and maple, and razor-thin saws from Japan for cutting the delicate grooves in the fret board.

Mowry says his favorite mandolins are the ones he's just finishing, because he's always trying something different, always learning something new. He may play a completed one for a couple of days, for fun and to get a sense of the sound, but then it's into a box and off to the customer. "I don't live and breathe mandolin music. For me, it's the making." As for a signature, Mowry's seems to be a scientist's accuracy. "I want the work to be clean: good joinery and clean lines. For me, precision is a way to make a name for myself."

Leaning against a tall chair in his shop, Mowry takes down one of six under-construction mandolins hanging from the ceiling. The inlay on the instrument neck is a tiny fly-fishing fly, as requested by the buyer. Mowry plays a couple of chords, and then sets the instrument on a green towel on his workbench. On the wall behind him is a geologic map of Vermont. People sometimes ask him how one goes from a liberal arts degree and graduate-level expertise in fluvial geomorphology to artisan instrument maker. He has thought about this, says Mowry, but he doesn't have a clear explanation.

Yet spend an afternoon in his shop learning about life as a luthier, and more than a hint of an answer emerges. Mowry will tell you about the grain pattern of figured maples, which is what gives the back of the instruments a sort of tiger-striped design. "Apparently it's still a mystery as to whether the wood looks like that because of some genetic difference, whether it's caused by environmental conditions, or some combination of the two." Moments later, he delves into the subtleties of acoustics, before moving on to discuss the Southeast Asian origins of the mother of pearl and abalone shells he uses for inlays and why spruce and maple are the go-to woods for making mandolins.

And as he continues this tour of his chosen trade, you realize: Mowry's leap from liberal arts student to expert luthier wasn't much of a leap at all.

Eyes on the Past

Historical fiction and an examination of White House speechwriters top our fall reading list.

By Elisabeth Crean

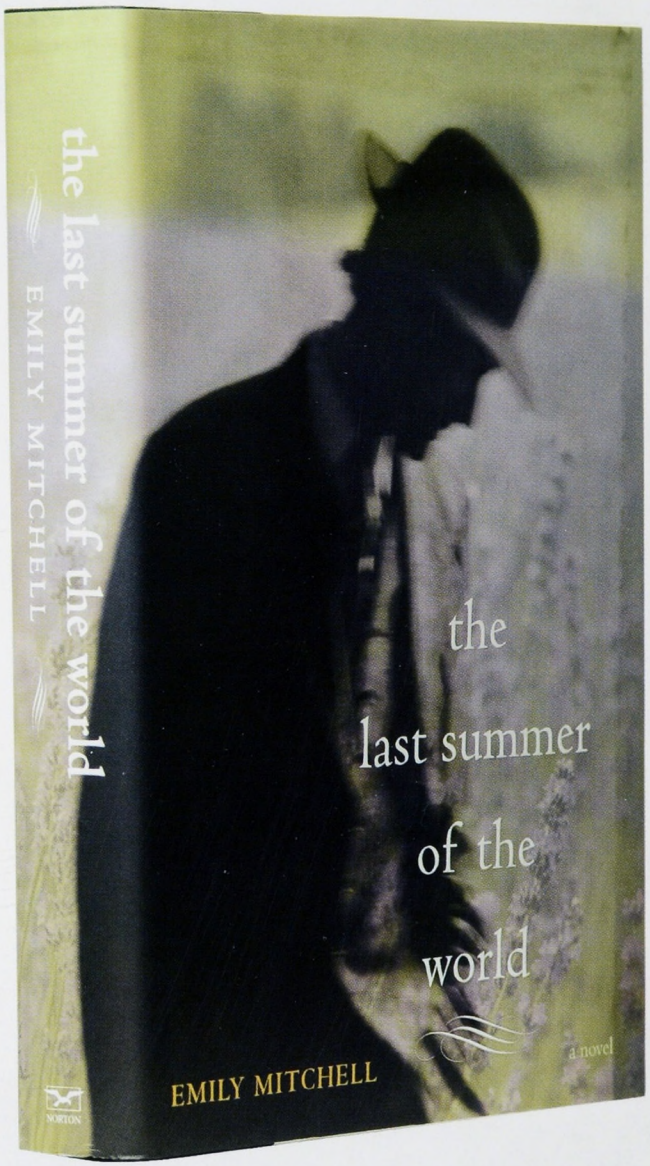
As the art of photography evolved, skilled practitioners demonstrated that the medium's power extended far beyond presenting a journalistic snapshot of the world. In an artistic photograph, reality intensifies or softens; focus shifts among people or objects, whose relative importance grows or recedes according to the lensman's choices.

The writer of historical fiction wields similar tools to give life and shape to a skeletal narrative of facts. Extensive journals, letters, and interviews don't exist for many famous figures whom we'd love to know more intimately. So the novelist selects intriguing biographical elements, and then uses a storyteller's eye to construct thoughts, emotions, and dialogue. In a luminescent debut novel, *The Last Summer of the World* (W. W. Norton, 2007), Emily Mitchell '97 reimagines the early life of American photographer Edward Steichen (1879-1973).

Mitchell's story centers on the summer of 1918, as the scarred countryside of northern France endures its fourth year of World War I. The 39-year-old Steichen has volunteered for the American army and translated his artistic skill with a camera into pioneering aerial-reconnaissance photography of battlefields. The front lines are within miles of the French farmhouse that he, his wife Clara, and his two young daughters called home when the war erupted and forced them to flee.

Chapters set during the war's waning months alternate with episodes from the artist's early life. Each prewar interlude is constructed around the title of a photo, usually one from Steichen's actual oeuvre. The eager, artistically restless Steichen had arrived in Paris as a young man just after the turn of the century and began keeping heady company. "Most people follow the rules because they are afraid not to," he reflects. So why not show up at sculptor Auguste Rodin's studio and ask to take his picture? Steichen does and soon becomes known for his portraits of famous artists, who also become his friends.

Rule breaking may make for great art, but it creates trouble for Steichen in his personal life. In Paris, he meets and marries Clara, a lively, talented American pianist. Her personality soon darkens, however, when household duties and Edward's burgeoning career leave little time for her to pursue music. Rodin encourages his young friend to have dalliances; Steichen travels a lot for work, and thinks he is being discreet. Clara begins to see her husband as "a man whose charm means he can get away with anything."



When painter Marion Bennett—an old friend of both Steichens—visits the couple in August 1914, Clara mistakes an innocent moment between Marion and Edward as evidence of an affair. Clara's fragile trust in her husband shatters and soon after, the Steichen family becomes estranged. Edward concentrates on his military work, but powerful emotions emerge when the wrongly accused run into each other in a French hospital as the war's

Photographs by Tad Merrick

final summer unfolds.

Clara reflects on the disconnect between the polish of her husband's work and rough edges of their life together. "The real world is far messier and more confusing than these photographs betray. As many dreams are denied as fulfilled; as many loves fail as endure." Sadly, she finds painful ways to retaliate for her sense of loss.

Mitchell's prose flows effortlessly, with edges as smooth and clear as Steichen's sharpest portraits. Passages of description—beautiful, yet succinct—evoke vivid imagery. Especially compelling are Steichen's aerial observations of the battle-ravaged French landscape. "The trenches bit back and forth into the ground, incisions trembling maniacally across the fields . . . designed by a god with the shakes." Mitchell's language resonates: commanding, sensitive, deeply perceptive. She has a gift for slipping quietly into a character's head without a jarring shift from the omniscient narrator's tone.

In its hardcover release last year, *The Last Summer of the World* landed on several Best of 2007 lists and was a finalist for New York Public Library's 2008 Young Lions Fiction Award, which recognizes outstanding work by writers under the age of 35. This year's paperback edition just makes it easier to send the book to lots of friends.

BEFORE THE AGE OF RADIO, presidential speeches gained their widest audience in newspapers. At most, a few thousand citizens actually heard them delivered live. Warren Harding was the first to face microphones, and the reviews were not kind. Journalist H. L. Mencken's acid pen tarred his 1921 inaugural as "rumble and bumble . . . flap and doodle . . . balder and dash." Harding soon became the first commander in chief to reach for professional assistance in drafting his remarks.

Beginning with Harding's reliance on lone "literary clerk" Judson Welliver, Robert Schlesinger '94 chronicles how modern presidents crafted speeches and honed catch phrases as part of making policy as well as communicating it. *White House Ghosts: Presidents and Their Speechwriters* (Simon & Schuster, 2008) is an exhaustive history, and the wealth of detail sometimes makes it hard to discern larger themes. Schlesinger's desire to be comprehensive creates an unwieldy cast of characters, because burnout and backstabbing meant frequent turnover on speech-writing teams. Grueling White House hours and combative egos often led to a revolving door of personnel.

That said, the author has brought together a remarkable amount of research. The son of historian (and JFK aide and speechwriter) Arthur Schlesinger Jr. became interested in the topic when he accompanied his father to meetings of the Judson Welliver Society, an organization of former presidential speechwriters. The colorful behind-the-scenes yarns eventually led him to interview more than 90 former White House staffers, explore the archives of nine presidential libraries, access private collections of personal papers (including his own father's journals), and amass nearly 30,000 pages of documents.

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Speechwriting began as a secondary duty of policy makers on the president's staff. It evolved gradually into a specialized task as the number of presidential public appearances grew over the 20th century, from Herbert Hoover's average of eight per month to Bill Clinton's 28 per month. "My job," said one of FDR's key scribes, Raymond Moley, "was to sift proposals for him, discuss facts and ideas with him, and help him crystallize his own policy."

Later writers often lacked such direct, regular access to the Oval Office. Capturing the leader's ideas and idiom became more difficult as layers of aides came between penmen and president. For major addresses, such as the State of the Union, cabinet departments began insisting on edits or contributing turgid blocks of their own text. The deadly process of speech by committee endangered the art of speech writing.

Fortunately, most presidents were gifted editors, and many had excellent ad-libbing abilities as well. Clinton was famous for juggling coffee and a marker in a limo as he tinkered with words on the way to delivering an address. "He never met a sentence he couldn't fool with," Hillary Clinton noted. His speechwriters compared him to a jazz musician, a skilled improviser riffing on the basic structure.

The book is filled with irresistible backstage scenes for American political history junkies. Nixon scribbled "I am not a crook" on a briefing book (prepared by speechwriter Patrick Buchanan) before making the statement in public. Ford aides Donald Rumsfeld and Dick Cheney essentially fired new speechwriting hires with tricks such as "missing" parking passes and "lost" security clearances that prevented them from entering the White House to do their jobs. These details in Schlesinger's history show that what seemed like polished policy pronouncements were often seat-of-the-pants, last-minute miracles, products of an often-dysfunctional process. The ghosts tell fascinating tales, indeed.

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Art Seen

Teacher to Student

SANDI OLIVO, CURATOR OF EDUCATION AT THE MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE MUSEUM OF ART, greets each of the 17 students entering the museum seminar room for the semester's first class. Some she's worked with for a year or two, some are new, and even though this is a 90-minute, late-afternoon session that will bump into dinner, the eagerness is palpable. A few of the seniors signed up a year in advance to be considered for one of these slots. Like the more than 200 students who've preceded them in Middlebury's Museum Assistants Program (MAP), they're taking this class for love, not credit.

"I love art," most will say as they go around the room and introduce themselves. Many are history of art and architecture majors, all have taken at least one art history survey course, and some have just spent a semester or year in Paris or Florence or London. MAP will ask them new questions: How do people—all kinds of people—learn in museums? How do they learn to look at art? Olivo's answers come from learning theories and proven methods of teaching in museums, combined with her years of experience as a museum educator. With her guidance and the advice of their more experienced peers, the students will apply those answers by giving tours for museum visitors, including more than 1,000 local schoolchildren.

MAP students commit to weekly classes, independent study of exhibit-related topics, attendance at curators' talks, and tour duty. They become a tight group of art-loving friends, and Olivo watches their progress and learns their interests and talents. "We also show students how museums work—the registrar, exhibit design, curator's office—and what the career possibilities are," she says. With so many former students still in touch, she has also created a mentoring network of Middlebury alumni in graduate school and teaching posts, and working in museums, galleries, and auction houses worldwide.

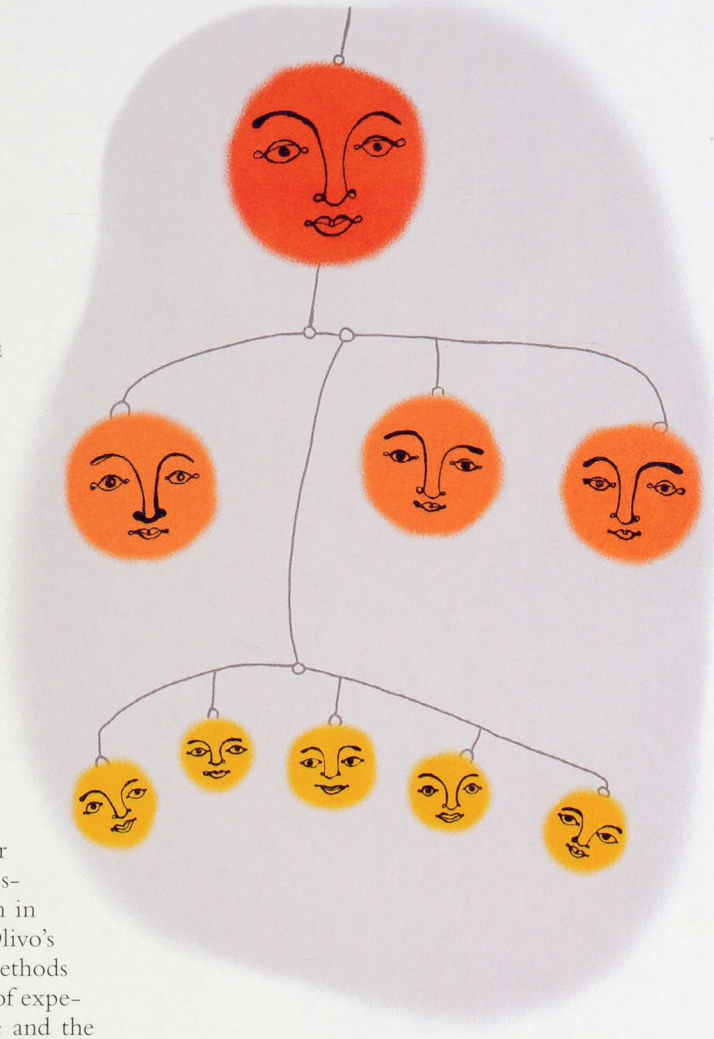
Student to student

MAP mentor Sonia Epstein '09 is a psychology/art history major from New York City, where she interned at the Whitney Museum and visited museums with her sculptor mom. She worked in a gallery while at Middlebury's School in Paris. "Sandi is so integral," Epstein says. "She knows all about museums and education. MAP's an even greater learning opportunity than I'd thought."

MAP mentor Kelsey Nelson '09 from Charleston, West Virginia, was planning an English major when she fell in love with art history. Living with public art while at Middlebury's School in Paris was a thrill. Kelsey's seen great results using Visual Thinking Strategies, one of MAP's teaching methods, for school tours: "The kids can talk for 20 minutes about one piece. I love when they show you something you've never noticed before!"

Ty Flynn '11, one of the new MAPers, is mentored by Sonia. "I've discovered a passion for the arts here at Middlebury. People in MAP come from different backgrounds and we learn from each other's experiences. The mentor groups Sandi developed are an awesome way for newbies like me to feel comfortable."

Many MAPers now see their futures in art; all will leave Middlebury with the ability to involve diverse audiences in discovering something new.



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THE FADED BRICK IS PASSED HAND TO HAND as David Bain tells his students where he found it. "In Camden, New Jersey, two doors down from Walt Whitman's last home." It could be one of his. "Now you're holding it, and I want to welcome you, 'the new brood,' as Whitman would say, into creative writing." The brick is still circling as Bain reads Whitman's take on inspiration, which the bedridden poet rasped out to friends on his last birthday:

Equip! equip! equip! from every quarter, from science, observation, travel, reading, study, and then turn everything over to the emotional—the personality.

David Haward Bain belongs to the formidable group of seven nonfiction, poetry, fiction, and drama writers who help equip Middlebury students for the writing life. As part of the English department, the Creative Writing Program encourages students to couple their creative skills to their critical ones. "I love teaching the gateway class," Bain says of this group of 15 sophomores taking his Introductory Workshop, a full-throttle exploration of prose and poetry. Bain's class list shows, indeed, interests from every quarter—majors in American studies, biology, chemistry, classics, economics, English, geology, Italian, political science. Their expectations vary: before class, Ben, a biochemistry student, confides to a neighbor, "I'm a terrible writer; I've never had a writing class." Catarina, an English major, chats with a friend about loving her three lit classes. For Bain, they all have potential. "We don't want anyone to be choked off too early, for there to be a definitive statement about whether writing should be part of their life."

Writing will be a big part of their semester. They'll read and write responses to 50 shorter works of poetry and prose by exemplary writers such as Ed Abbey and Eudora Welty, Jay Parini and Julia Alvarez. (The latter two poet/novelists have offices with Bain's upstairs in the new Axinn Center at Starr Library.) They'll also write six of their own pieces and will critique them together. "Workshopping teaches you how to criticize, how to build on strengths so a piece remains alive," Bain says. His comments, and the student readers', give each budding author tools for revising.

"I liked the trustworthiness of the narrator, and the metaphor about the school bus being a jungle really worked, but I'd take out the image of the lions in the Coliseum," offers one student about a classmate's essay on childhood cruelties.

"Maybe you're not having faith in the essential core of the story, so you're seeking embellishment?" Bain suggests. "The story has real honesty you can draw on, so make sure the metaphor doesn't distract the reader."

ILLUSTRATION BY ELVIS SWIFT

They'll work this way for a semester—some, for three more years. Bain is a genial guide who'll pull books from his office shelf to demonstrate a point of craft or will draw on years in a New York publishing house to advise senior students looking ahead. (One shelf carries his own history-infused nonfiction and many volumes by former Middlebury students. See sidebar.)

Dina Magaril '09 could share that shelf before long. She's been working with Bain on her Fulbright proposal and stops in to run it by him one last time. Born in Russia and raised in New York City, she wants to return to St. Petersburg to write about Russian Jews who stayed after the Soviet collapse; it's pivotal to work she's already done with Bain on her family's immigrant experience in New York. Her smart, subtle writing earned her a nonfiction scholarship to last summer's Bread Loaf Writers' Conference, and she's eager for this next challenge. Bain gives her kudos on this final draft and will write her recommendation; he has more research suggestions. "Do you want to come to Russia and be my mentor?" she jokes. He does even better than that. "I've got an agent in mind for you when you get back."

David Bain's Bookshelf

A sampling of Middlebury alumni who found their voices working with David Bain and his creative writing colleagues.

David Gilbert '91

The Normals, a novel (Bloomsbury, cloth 2004, paper 2005)
Remote Feed: Stories (Simon & Schuster, cloth 1999; Scribner, paper 2000)
David Gilbert's stories have appeared in *The New Yorker, Harper's, GQ*, and other publications.

Lewis Robinson '93

Whiting Literary Award Winner
Officer Friendly and Other Stories (Random House, cloth 2003; paper 2004)

Sarah Stewart Taylor '93

Still As Death, a novel (St. Martins, cloth 2006, paper 2007)
Judgment of the Grave, a novel (St Martins, cloth 2005, paper 2006)
Mansions of the Dead, a novel (St. Martins, cloth 2004, paper 2005)
O' Artful Death (St. Martins, cloth 2003, paper 2004)

Vendela Vida '93

Barnes & Noble Discover Great New Writers Award
Let the Northern Lights Erase Your Name, a novel (HarperCollins, cloth 2007, paper 2008)
And Now You Can Go, a novel (Knopf, cloth 2003; Bantam Doubleday Dell, paper 2004)
Girls on the Verge: Debutante Dips, Drive-Bys, and Other Initiations, nonfiction (St. Martins, cloth 1999, paper 2000)
The Believer Book of Writers Talking to Writers (editor, anthology) 2005
Co-editor of *The Believer* magazine, worked at *The Paris Review*

T Cooper '94

Barnes & Noble Discover Great New Writers Award
Lipshitz Six, or Two Angry Blondes, a novel (Penguin, cloth 2006, paper 2007)
A Fictional History of the United States with Huge Chunks Missing (2006) short story collection, editor
Some of the Parts, a novel (Akashic, 2002)

Matthew Power '96

Award-winning freelance journalist
Contributing editor at *Harper's Magazine* and *National Geographic Adventure*. Writes for *The New York Times, Wired, Granta, Virginia Quarterly Review.*

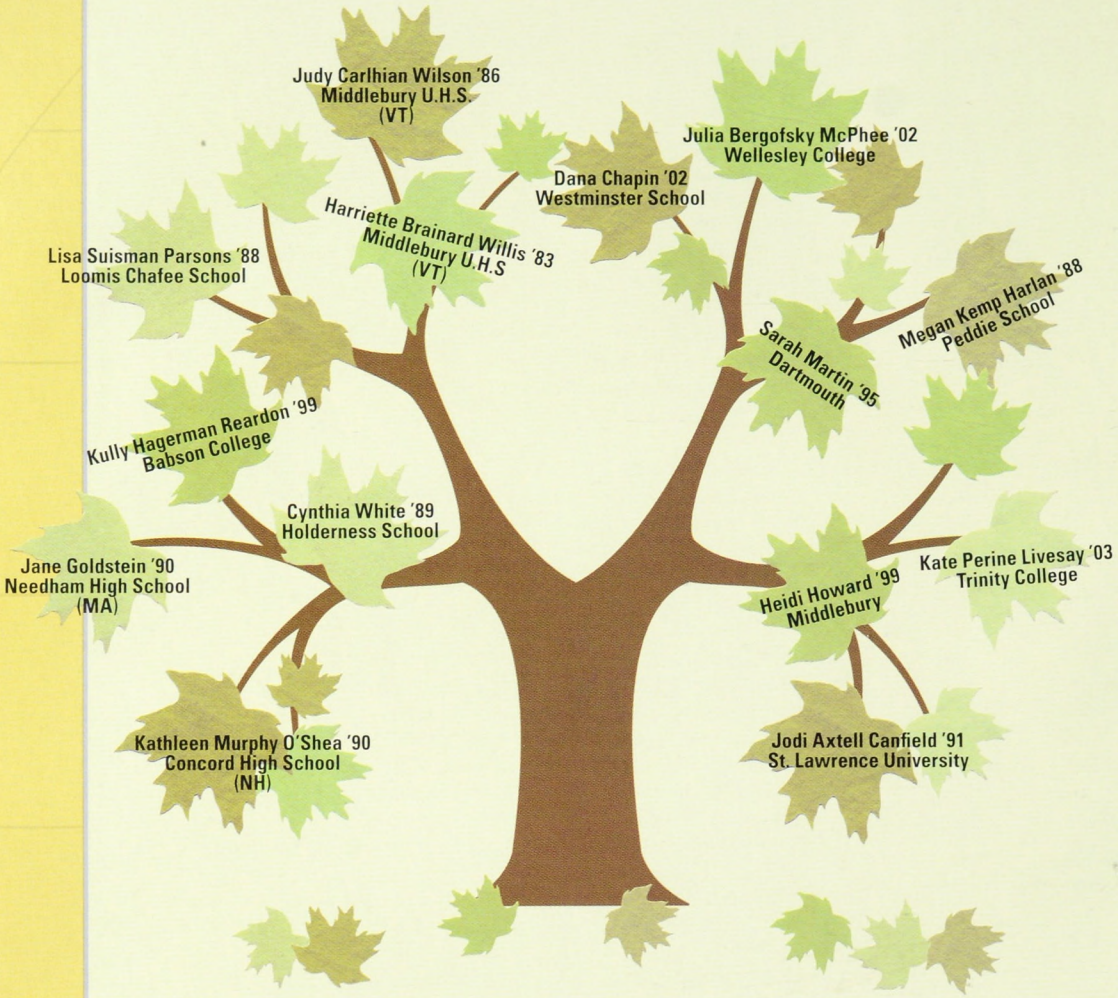
Emily Mitchell '96

The Last Summer of the World, a novel (Norton, cloth 2007, paper 2008)
Writing appears in, among others, *The Indiana Review, AGNI, The Nation*, and the *Utne Reader.*

Justin Haythe '96

The Honeymoon, a novel (Grove/Atlantic, cloth 2004, paper 2005)
Screenplays: *The Clearing* (2004), starring Robert Redford, Helen Mirren, and Willem Dafoe
Revolutionary Road (2008), starring Leonardo DiCaprio and Kate Winslet, based on the Richard Yates novel.

Missy Foote's Coaching Tree



THE SCOREBOARDS DON'T TELL THE WHOLE STORY. Neither do the jammed-full trophy cases. The women who've played on Missy Foote's athletics teams have taken many life lessons as well as laurels into their adult lives, and some have taken Foote's career path. If imitation is the sincerest form of flattery, the former Panthers who've chosen to coach and mentor new generations of high school and college lacrosse players are sincere indeed.

What's in a Name?

In Middlebury's Museum of Art, Colin Mackenzie, the Robert P. Youngman Curator of Asian Art, expounds on the cultural values and the unlimited educational potential inherent in the museum's holdings, specifically the Asian art collection.

In Warner Hall, Scott Pardee, the Alan R. Holmes Professor of Monetary Economics (established by Robert A. Jones '59), draws on 30 years of experience in financial trading rooms to give his students a practical model on which the global economy turns.

Next door to Pardee, in Voter Hall, John Berninghausen, the Kathleen O'Connor Truscott '83 and William "Ted" Truscott '83 Chair in Chinese, demonstrates to his students—on a daily basis—his passion for China and the Chinese language. After just a few classes with Berninghausen, it's a passion his students share.

For Nancy O'Connor, the Lois Behrman Watson '51 Professor of French, it's her self-identification as a world citizen and her childhood experience growing up in France that help inform her teaching of French language and literature.

When men's hockey coach Bill Beaney, who holds the Borgen Coaching Chair (established by the Borgen family), leads the Panthers onto the ice each winter, he teaches his players how to solve problems and confront adversity—lessons that will serve them well on the ice and off.

And though these educators practice in disparate disciplines, what they have in common is the support of generous donors—Youngman, Jones, Truscott, Watson, Borgen—who have established endowed positions to support their teaching and scholarship. Because these funds are part of Middlebury's endowment, they are a permanent source of support—and ensure that tomorrow's students will enjoy the same learning experience as those of today.

ILLUSTRATION BY ADRIENNE ILLICK

A Day in the Life

He doesn't teach in swim trunks or a theatre costume at his home university, but seven summers have taught Professor Christophe Lagier that at Middlebury's French School, a "teachable moment" can happen anywhere, anytime. "You're always in the position of being a mentor, professor, and representative of French culture. It's a pressure cooker for students and teachers," says the Paris native. "But there's magic at Middlebury." Here's a look at how one Language Schools professor helps to make that magic.

7:00 a.m. Breakfast at Atwater Dining Hall. "If I see a student who's working I check in with them. It warms me up for the day. This past summer I taught advanced undergraduate classes, which include composition, and the skill levels were extremely high."

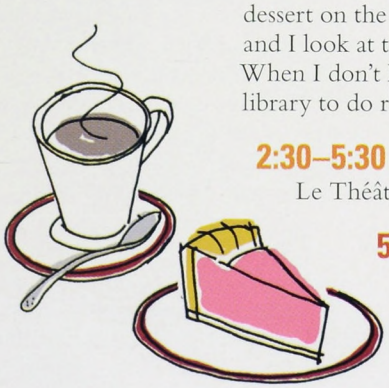
8:00 a.m. Class: French Theatre/Literature of the Absurd (Lagier's academic specialty. He's on the French faculty of California State University at Los Angeles.)

9:00 a.m. Class: Advanced French Grammar

10:00 a.m.–12:00 noon Meet individually with students about their essays and oral presentations.

12:00–12:45 p.m. French School lunch at Proctor, with lots of conversation.

12:45–2:30 p.m. "After lunch, I take my coffee and dessert on the terrace or upstairs for office hours; my students and I look at their progress and where they can make more. When I don't have office hours, I grade papers or go to the library to do research for the course."



2:30–5:30 p.m. Depending on the day, rehearsal for Le Cabaret, Le Théâtre de l'École française, or out to the field for Le Football.

5:30–6:00 p.m. Full immersion in Le Club Aquagym, a water aerobics workout to French music. Faculty and staff kids join in. "They're an essential part of the school—it's like they're everyone's kids."

6:00 p.m. Bon Appétit! Everyone at the French School meets for dinner in Proctor.

7:00 p.m. Rehearsal for La Chorale française (Lagier is a baritone who pinch-hits at tenor.)

8:30 p.m. Relax at the Grille with a glass of wine. "It's a mix of socializing and work. Some students ask career advice, which gets into their personal territory. You really get to know them—and so many stay in touch."

Sometime after **11:00 p.m.** Back to his room at The Chateau. Bonne nuit!

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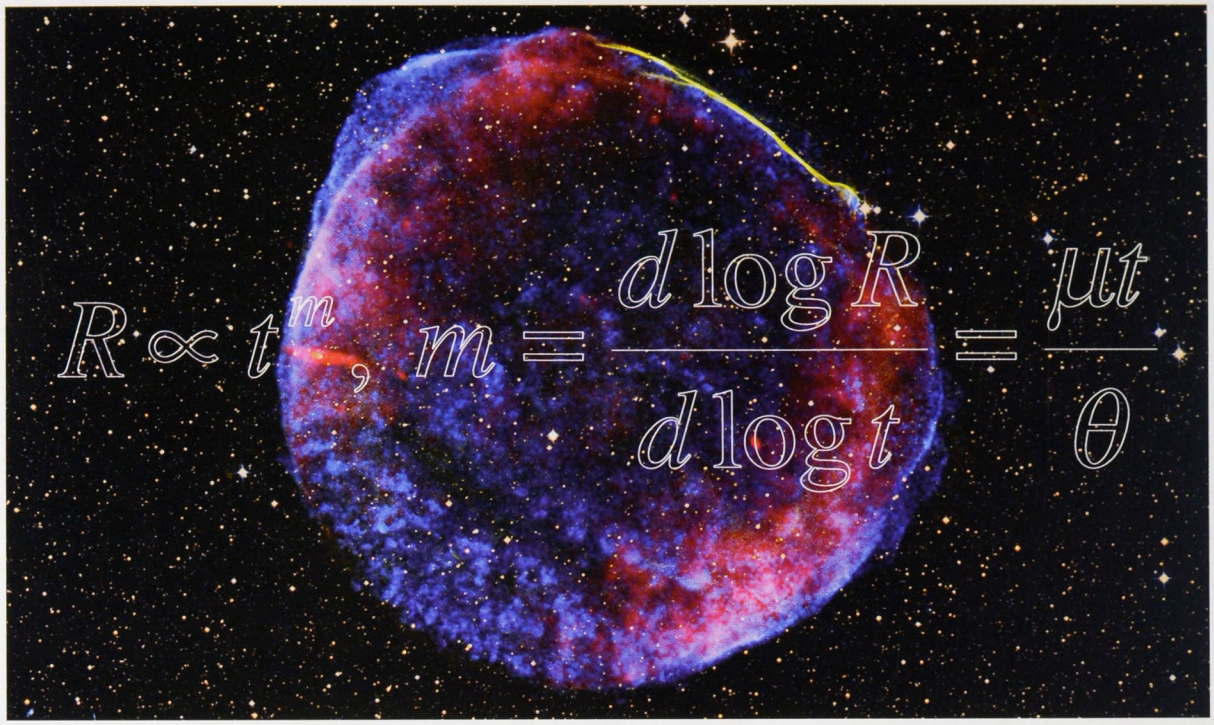

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Star Light, Star Bright

FRANK WINKLER BECAME AN ASTRONOMER BY REQUEST. When he first came to Middlebury "not yesterday," as he puts it, he taught a variety of physics courses, as he still does. One of his students, Martha Armstrong '72, was fascinated by astronomy, but frustrated: Middlebury's old observatory was defunct; worse, no one taught astronomy. Winkler, whose area was atomic physics, recalls, "I had a casual interest in astronomy but zero professional experience"; still, he took charge of rehabilitating the observatory, expanded his own training, and opened up the skies for Middlebury students. Astronomy soon became his own research focus, and Winkler has played no small role in building science's knowledge of supernovae —the exploding stars whose caches of elements such as iron, calcium, and carbon constitute people and planets.

Students quote this story of how Winkler got starstruck as evidence of his commitment to his students and his pure enthusiasm for science. It's no wonder he was named the Gamaliel Painter Bicentennial Professor in 1998, or that he uses his chair's research stipend to fund student presentations at conferences as well as his own projects.

Karl Twelker '07 worked with Winkler from Introduction to the Universe class his first year through his senior thesis; for the latter Twelker researched the remnant of a "young" supernova and pinpointed its age (about 3,000 years). "Frank's teaching philosophy is amazing," Twelker says. "He wants to show you how fun science can be. Today in astronomy you can often obtain data via the Internet, but Frank always encouraged us to get outside under the same sky as the telescope. That really influenced me—that desire for direct contact with all the steps of the scientific process." Now a Ph.D. student at Stanford, Twelker recently co-authored an astronomy paper with his former teacher but is open to exploration. "I'm doing both atomic physics and a neutrino experiment now, so it's hard to say what kind of physics I'll wind up in," he says. "But I know I'll carry Frank's passion for science into whatever I do."

Adele Plunkett '09 jokes that she "backed into" astronomy—she's taking her first class as a senior. The physics major and international studies minor was

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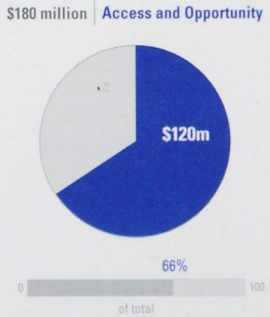


headed to Middlebury's School Abroad in La Serena, Chile, last year when Winkler encouraged her also to apply for a National Science Foundation astronomy internship at the nearby Cerro Tololo Interamerican Observatory (CTIO). One of eight interns selected, Plunkett discovered her own passion for astronomy. "It's so exciting because many observations today weren't technically possible 20 years ago. Twenty years from now, who knows what we can see?" She and Winkler worked closely together at CTIO when he traveled there for his own observations. "It's phenomenal for an undergraduate to observe three times on three different telescopes, and to have hands-on experience with them," she recalls. "We also went outside to view the southern sky with the naked eye." As Winkler proudly explains, "Adele's research talk at CTIO was terrific, and her help was really valuable when we did a complicated set of observations. There's always a lot to do—taking data, establishing precise coordinates—and Adele was remarkably fast in picking it up."

Although Adele Plunkett and Karl Twelker plan physics careers, and Winkler's office walls display photos of students at mountaintop observatories, recruiting astronomers isn't his goal. "I'm delighted when students do astronomy at a sophisticated level and go on to pursue a different career," he says. "Really doing science is going to make them better at whatever they do." He sees astronomy as an exciting interest for any educated person, and a keyhole to a bigger picture. "The night sky is the most visceral way you can experience what our ancestors experienced," he says. "It's part of our heritage."

Selected Funding Opportunities

There are many ways to support Middlebury faculty and students collaboration—from endowed professorships to annual gifts that enable students to conduct summer research with a mentor.

Endowed Professorships and Fellowships

Undergraduate

College Professorship $3,500,000
Supports salary and benefits as well as research and teaching stipends for the most senior faculty

Professorship $2,500,000
Supports salary and benefits as well as research and teaching stipends

Faculty Fellowship $1,500,000
Supports salary and benefits for non-tenured faculty

Distinguished Visiting Scholar-in-Residence $1,000,000
Supports visiting scholars

Language Schools

Vice President, Language Schools and Schools Abroad . . $2,500,000

Individual Language School Directorship $500,000

Language Schools Teaching Fellowship $200,000

Bread Loaf School of English

Directorship of BLSE Program $2,500,000

On-site Directorship $250,000

Teaching Fellowship $200,000

Bread Loaf Writers' Conference

Directorship $300,000

Teaching Fellowship $150,000

Annual Support

Undergraduate

Annual Faculty Fellowship $75,000
Supports salary and benefits for non-tenured faculty as well as research and teaching stipends for one year

Language Schools

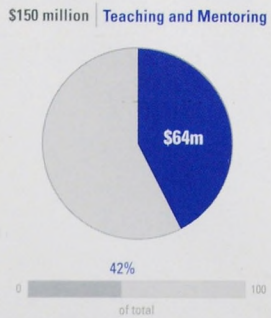
Annual Teaching Fellowship $10,000

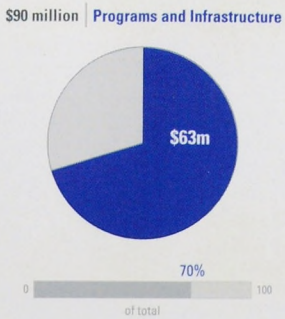
Bread Loaf School of English

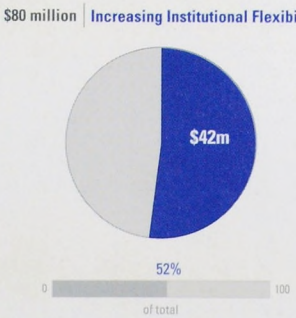
Annual Teaching Fellowship $10,000

Bread Loaf Writers' Conference

Annual Teaching Fellowship $7,500







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Another classmate has left us. We remember **John Blake** as an enthusiastic Mountain Club member. We send our sympathy to his family and friends. ✷ I'd like to know what classmates are doing. Please write me!

—Class Correspondent: *Alma Davis Struble, 147 West State St., Room 208, Kennett Square, PA 19348.*

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It was recently reported in the *New Hampshire Union Leader* that **Dick Chase** was honored for his 60 years of service in the Keene Lions Club by receiving the Monarch Milestone Chevron Award. According to Lions Club International, only 303 of its 1.4 million members worldwide reached 60 years of service this year and Dick was the only one in New Hampshire. Even more remarkable is the fact that Dick has maintained a perfect attendance record since joining the Keene club in 1948. If he ever missed a weekly meeting, he made up for it by attending a committee meeting or board meeting the same week. He even held impromptu club meetings in the hospital after a ski accident. If he and wife Anne were traveling, he'd find a local chapter meeting in the town they were traveling through. He's attended meetings in Alaska, Texas, Mexico, and Switzerland, always presenting the clubs with a banner from the Keene chapter. Congratulations, Dick, on your well-deserved award.

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Vermont neighbors of **Bill Heinz** and Betty Bailey Heinz '35 joined with noted writers in June to honor the couple's memory at a reception at the Bennington Museum. Bob Matteson '38, a neighbor who had worked with "Dutch" Heinz on the *Campus,* called him "a straight shooter who could spot make-believe, or phoniness, right away in a person, and he wanted no part of it." Bob brought along sportswriter Adam White, who later wrote in the *Bennington Banner* that Bill Heinz "was gone, and yet he remained, the most powerful presence in a room full of heavyweights from fields as varied as media and medicine." Columnist Bard Lindeman '50 recalled his 60-year friendship with Heinz, during which the older writer mentored and guided him through his own successful writing career. Among those who spoke were Bill's daughter Gayl; his close friend, fellow writer, and favorite "brownie baker," Don Keelan; and Jeff MacGregor, whose touching story about Bill and Betty in *Sports Illustrated* was reprinted in *Middlebury Magazine* in 2001. Bill Littlefield, National Public Radio host, read excerpts from Bill's classic sports column, "Death of a Race Horse." Items on display at the reception included the 1932 portable typewriter that Bill used at Middlebury, as a war correspondent in Europe, and for the rest of his life. The program concluded with film footage of Bill himself being interviewed on the lawn of the Heinzs' earlier home in nearby Dorset, in which Bill said, "Your work has to be very good to want to read it more than once." It was not only very good but, in Jeff MacGregor's opinion, "will abide forever among people who care about language." The truth that Heinz wrote about, said MacGregor, "is the struggle that we all face every day when we get out of bed, and how good a fight we put up before the end of the day." ✷ We regret to report the death of **Elizabeth Hunt Greene** on March 31 in Denver, Colo., at the age of 92. Betty Ann, as she was known at Middlebury, had been born and raised in Philadelphia. In 1953 she and husband Tom moved to New Orleans, where they raised three children, Suzy, Tom, and Steve, and where she participated in many volunteer activities. More recently she lived in Denver to be near Suzy. There she was active in her retirement community's current events programs and poetry classes. Our sympathy is extended to her family and friends.

—Class Correspondent: *Marshall Sewell (marshland7@verizon.net), 20 Morning Glory Ln., Whiting, NJ 08759.*

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To those of you who were not with us at reunion, you were greatly missed. Nine of us gathered for a wonderful time and celebration. For me, it far exceeded my expectations. The other eight were **Jennie-Belle Perry Barr**, **Eleanor Barnum Gardner**, **Betty MacCulloch Mattox**, **Janet Randall Morgan**, **Winnie Duffield Taylor**, Alice and **Ivan Bunnell**, **Jack Cridland**, and **Bob Matteson**. Children and grandchildren who drove many of our classmates were very friendly and helpful to all of us. The college students who welcomed us and lent helping hands were also most friendly. Jennie-Belle, Eleanor, Janet, and I stayed on first floor Gifford and everyone else either stayed off campus or just came for the day Saturday. Friday evening dinner was at Proctor as were breakfasts. Saturday lunch was at Ross Commons and dinner that evening was at the Center for the Arts. Convocation was at 5:00 on Saturday. Except for Bob who followed the 50th reunion class up Chapel Walk, the rest of us sat on benches at the top of the hill. Being the last to enter Mead Chapel, we proceeded to the first two rows. The clapping and tapping of the canes as we entered was such a tribute to the Class of 1938, celebrating our 70th reunion. At dinner on Friday evening, the four of us staying on campus had a wonderful experience. Several student hosts came to our table and, while we were eating, gave us an opportunity to visit with them. One is from Kenya, one from Burkina Faso, and the third from Afghanistan, although she and her family had moved to Pakistan during the civil war. What an inspiration these young women are! During dinner Saturday evening, we appreciated Woody Jackson coming to speak to all of us. I'm sure you remember he is the son of our classmate, the late **Emily Barclay Jackson**. ✷ After reunion a letter came from Betty Mattox: "At the reunion daughter Janet was chatting with Bob Matteson who told her he was going to run in a track event in the Albany area, so we decided to go. Well! He did a *beautiful* run in a field of much younger participants! Most of us are using canes to insure stability and he is competing in *running* events!" ✷ I hope you read the letter from Janet Morgan in the spring issue of the magazine. In it she offered to send the recipe for the famous Dog Team sticky buns to anyone who might like it. As of mid-June, she had received four requests to which she responded. The recipe then appeared in the summer issue's Letters to the Editor.✷ Karin Bloom Heffernan '82 wrote in about her great-uncle, the late **John Chalmers**: "Uncle John was a gentle, SMART, fun, and caring guy. I remember the last time he visited us in New Hampshire about 10 years ago, he was feeling sick as a dog, but that didn't stop him from heading outside to throw a ball around with our son, Shamus. John was an amazing athlete, but they didn't mention that in his obituary at all!" ✷ Unable to attend reunion because of physical limitations, **Becki Abbott Brooks**, through son Dave, sent her very best wishes to all her classmates. Confined to a wheelchair, she lives in a skilled nursing home in a suburb of Detroit near where Dave lives. Dave sent this note: "Classmates may recall that she and husband John retired from Long Island to the town of Stuyvesant, N.Y., where they had first met teaching school together in the Village. She lost John in an emergency surgery in May 1984, thus releasing her suddenly from a loving but burdensome caregiver role that had lasted five years. She then began her volunteer period, which included Meals on Wheels deliveries. She met a new friend, Tom, whose spouse had shared the same affliction and diagnosis as John, "dementia of the Alzheimer type." They had a wonderful 18 months. Tom's promise to return to her following his planned heart surgery in NYC did not work out as he died post-op in that hospital. In 1998 she moved to Chatham, N.Y., into a seniors' apartment building, the Payne Foundation. In her four years at Payne, her friends in the choir at St. Paul's in Kinderhook always made sure she could attend choir rehearsal and Sunday service. She moved to her current residence in 2005; her address is Becki Brooks, MediLodge, 1480 Walton Blvd., Rochester Hills MI 48039. Now that she is in Michigan, she can receive visits from her grandchildren and six great-grandchildren, ages five weeks to five years. She especially enjoys seeing them."

—Class Correspondent: *Mrs. Charles M. Hall (Margaret Leslie), 3312 Wake Robin Dr., Shelburne, VT 05482.*

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Helen "Pat" **Brewer Chadwick** still lives alone in Plymouth, Mass., but she has a sister-in-law who lives nearby and they keep in close touch. Pat was looking forward to attending Boston Symphony concerts this fall. ✳ **Thor** and **Carol Miner Gustafson** had a family gathering at their home to welcome their granddaughter Melissa's son, Henry. Congratulations to all. ✳ The sympathy of the class is extended to **Louise Roberts Avery** whose son died in the spring. His son visits her often and they work together on a big crossword puzzle. ✳ **Dorothy Korb Carter** had 20 guests at her 90th birthday party. She has six great-granddaughters and is "feeling okay." ✳ **Marilynn Manning Baldwin** is making a slow recovery from hip surgery but expects to be dancing soon. ✳ **Irene Fernandez Anderson** drinks two teaspoons of cider vinegar and two teaspoons of honey in water every day. She says it is a surefire remedy for arthritis. She is taking both yoga and computer lessons. ✳ **Elinor Wieland Cain**'s three children assembled to celebrate her 90th birthday. Elinor has moved to 500 Waterman Ave., Apt. 309, Mount Dora, FL 32757, in the same town where she has lived. ✳ With the next issue of the magazine, **Roger Clarke** will be taking over as the new class correspondent. Please send your information to him at either 7 Rundel Park, Rochester, NY 14607 or arogerclarke@aol.com.

—Class Correspondents: *Ms. Jeanette Olson Gould (jogvt1@verizon.net), 1055 Depot Rd., Boxboro, MA 01719; and Mrs. Raymond J. Skinner (Ruth Coleman), PO Box 52, Danville, VT 05828.*

[Ed. note: We would like to thank Jeanette and Ruth for serving as class correspondents. Their hard work has produced interesting and lively notes over the years and it has been greatly appreciated.]

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In June **Ed Morse** was honored at a birthday party to celebrate his 90th birthday. Arranged by son Chris and Beth McLellan, the party was held at the Camden Yacht Club, on the edge of picturesque Camden, Maine, harbor. In an impressive demonstration of affection for a man who has devoted his life to improving the health and the opportunities of the people of the Camden/Rockland area, almost 100 people came to wish Ed well and thank him for his contributions, both medical and social, to the community. You may recall that Ed was married to a wonderful lady, Helga, who unfortunately died after many happy years of marriage. Ed eventually remarried, this time to Helga's sister, Inger, whose husband had died a few years earlier. At the party, Ed's son Chris said that when his dad married his mother's sister, Ed became Chris's uncle. "But," Chris continued, "he has always been just like a father to me." We all congratulate Ed on a long and productive career and wish him well in the future. ✳ Sadly we report that **David Fitzgerald** died on May 19. You will remember that he was active in athletics, particularly in football. After the war he ran his family business in Whitehall, N.Y., for all of his working years. He was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon and a popular member of our class. We shall miss him. ✳ We must also report the death of **Evelyn Hopper Pearce** on May 24. Our condolences are sent to her two daughters and all her family. ✳ From the editor: Our own correspondent, **Loring Pratt**, was honored at the annual meeting of the Maine Chapter of the American College of Surgeons, held June 5–8 at the Harborside Hotel in Bar Harbor, Maine. He was presented with a Lifetime Service Award in recognition of over 50 years of contributions to the chapter, including serving as secretary-treasurer from 1955–1974. He also served on the American College of Surgeons Board of Governors from 1970–1973 and Board of Regents from 1973–1982. Congratulations, Loring, on your well-deserved award!

—Class Correspondent: *Dr. Loring W. Pratt (roachpond@aol.com), 37 Lawrence Ave., Fairfield, ME 04937.*

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Correspondent Shaub reports: It is with deep regret we report the passing of **Roger Griffith** on June 7, after serving as our class correspondent for a number of years with **Ruth** "Packy" **Packard Jones**. **John Hicks** recalls Roger as "that tall, lanky, calm, easy editor of the weekly *Campus* in our time." He adds, "I always think of B. Grow (**Barbara Grow Grim**) on the college newspaper with him—both of them to become newspeople." Following military service in WWII and the Korean conflict, Roger went on to pursue a career in journalism as a reporter, feature writer, and editor, and eventually became the public relations director for the medical college at UVM. He was the author of several books and was an accomplished photographer. We offer our condolences to wife Susan, who found comfort in his military funeral. A memorial will appear in the winter issue. ✳ In his letter, John Hicks continued his reflections about classmates who have left us: "Summy (**Sumner House**) has gone, too. I miss them all. I don't know that I expected to miss them to the extent I do; time and distances between us often stretched to years and continents. I am sentimental no doubt. But at my age, I discover and rediscover how deep the Middlebury experience lives in the mind and heart. I'm a little surprised, and very content, that it does. It leaves me the richer." ✳ **Bob Johnson** also sent in memories: "Summy and I roomed together at Jacksonville Naval Air Station when we were going through training as naval aviation cadets in late 1941. By coincidence we both were romantically interested in women we had met in college. Implicit in every letter we wrote or received and in the too brief telephone calls we made was the dilemma of fairness to the women we loved. Should we ask them to marry us just for the moment, knowing full well the possibility they would become widows much too early in their lives, maybe with fatherless children? Or should we be mature beyond our years and ask them to await our return? If this was not enough to cope with, Summy was caught between an old girlfriend and a new one. After we had been together for a few weeks, I became aware that a female classmate—a lovely person—was sending him letters with greater frequency than his 'old' girlfriend. He dismissed this as just a friendly gesture to, as he put it, bolster the morale of the troops. I suggested that the morale of the troops was never that low and '*she's* going to get you,' which he vigorously denied. When he returned a day early from a special weekend with the old girlfriend (which I sensed was break-up time), he seemed very relieved. I said, '*She's* got you!' and he cheerfully admitted it. Later *she* (**Elaine** 'Topsy' **Wadlund**) and Summy were married and he could not have been a luckier man. (Do I hear the House children cheering in the background?)" ✳ **Ralph** "Duke" **Latham** and wife Peg are "still mobile and reasonably healthy and still hanging around Charlottesville, Va." Duke has given up tennis but plays golf three times a week. Last November they flew to California to visit their daughter and great-grandson. He's looking forward to our next reunion. (Let's all join him on this one!) ✳ We are saddened to report the loss of two more classmates in April: **Irene Egbert Lally** on April 22 and **Hope Smith Marshburn** on April 24. I think we all remember them as lively, humorous, and fun-loving. Our sympathy goes out to their families. ✳ **Merritt Garland** wrote from Greenfield, Mass., where he is "still chugging along." ✳ **Ray** and **Nomie Winberg Unsworth** continue to divide their time between Florida and Vermont. Ray still enjoys entering his vintage cars in the Williston (Vt.) Fourth of July parade. One of his three entries this past summer was a 1923 Rolls-Royce, driven by daughter Karen '67. ✳ **Jean Connor** and I (Margaret) attended the Gamaliel Painter's Cane Society luncheon held Reunion Weekend in June. Afterwards, we enjoyed a stimulating visit to the College's Museum of Art. In May I spent a delightful eight days touring the southern half of Ireland, starting in Dublin and making a loop that included the Ring of Kerry, Limerick, Killarney, Galway, and Waterford. And yes, I did kiss the Blarney Stone. ✳ There has been some confusion recently about where to send contributions to our Class of 1941 Fund. Please make your check payable to Middlebury College, make sure you designate it for the 1941 memorial fund, and send it to Gift Administration, Old Courthouse, 5 Court Street, 5370 Middlebury College, Middlebury, VT 05753. ✳ Elizabeth and I wish you continuing joys and satisfactions that are still possible in our advanced years. And do keep in touch!

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Mary Elizabeth Cummings Nordstrom '46 writes: "On May 31, **T. Holmes** 'Bud' **Moore** who graduated my year, 1946, after his service in the U.S. Naval Air Corps, received a congratulatory letter from President Liebowitz together with a Middlebury rocker to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the year that he became headmaster of the New Hampton School in New Hampshire. More than 400 respondents attended the gala celebration to honor Bud and wife Jinga for their decades of service to the school, so the sit-down event had to be held in a huge tent. We attended the weekend as a former faculty couple. My husband and I had lunch with Bud and Jinga at the dining hall." A highlight of the evening was the announcement of the creation of the T. Holmes and Norma Jean Moore Scholarship Fund, which already had a total of $1.1 million in gifts and pledges. Bud also served as the undergraduate commencement speaker at Plymouth State University, where he was awarded the Granite State Award for distinguished public service. Congratulations, Bud! ✳ I have a corrected address for **Sue Hulings Ottinger**. You can reach her at 333 Lee Drive,

Apt. 288, Baton Rouge, LA 70808. She likes her apartment and is slowly getting it settled. She's making new friends and seeing old ones and playing lots of bridge. ✷ Sadly we must report the deaths of **Everett Heidgerd** on April 3 and **Grace Illwitzer Lewis** on May 13. Our condolences are sent to their families and friends. We also heard from Ellen Ward, a daughter of **Bill Green**, that he passed away on July 24. We send our condolences to his family as well.
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Correspondent Byington reports: Reunion number 65 has come and gone. I will leave the details for John as I list the attendees who were **John Gale**, Nancy and **Ted Peach**, Rod and **Ginny Clemens Lowman**, **Betty Brigham Barrett** and two of her sons, Fielding and **Ellie Reier Brown**, Win and **Peggy Bowles Smith**, **Vance Richardson**'s widow Jan, **Loie Groben Doe**, **Roger Easton** with his wife and daughter, and **Bing** and myself. All the other members of the class of 1943 were really missed. We hope you are thinking of the 70th in 2013. ✷ **Skip Wilkin Dimond** and John Gale did a great job in planning the schedule. Skip had to cancel out at the last moment because the folks who were to bring her to Middlebury were in a very serious storm and could not leave their home. This was a big disappointment to all. Our accommodations in Gifford were great and we appreciated the convenience of registration and the meeting area. ✷ Correspondent Gale reports: We were blessed with good weather, treated to excellent food and drink, had comfortable accommodations, and were offered a variety of activities, including educational programs on stem cells, creating visual effects for such productions as *Star Wars*, and agricultural education for Haitian farmers. There was a tour of the College's public sculptures, a cross-country road race (which had no '43 contestants), tours of the campus and of the new Donald E. Axinn '51 Center for Literary and Cultural Studies at Starr Library, a Mongolian kite demonstration, and much more. Bing took part in the All-class Golf Scramble. ✷ Prior to the class dinner on Friday evening, a reception and dedication of the **Elliott Baines** Room in the Axinn Center was held, with Janet Baines, Eb's widow, and his son Chip as honored guests. The dinner following this event took place in one of the new rooms at the Center, after which Paul "Togo" Eriksson '40 related how Frisbee originated in a field in Indiana by a group of five Middlebury students, on the way to a fraternity convention, flipping an empty Frisbee Company pie plate to each other and calling out "Frisbee." Ted Peach then presented the results of the reunion questionnaire to which so many of you responded; a copy of Ted's excellent compilation of results will be mailed to the class. ✷ A note from **Dick Morehouse** received before reunion reads: "My regards to my roommate Ted Peach for circling the wagons for the class. A good man, Governor Peach. I'll be there in spirit." ✷ At Friday's Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon, our class was awarded the Gold Key Award for the highest percentage of participation in a post-50th reunion class. We're told that the 82 percent class response represents a record for 65th Reunion classes. We were also awarded the Parton Family Award for a reunion class other than the 25th or 50th with the greatest increase in participation. *[Ed. note: John Gale was also awarded the Jean Seeler-Gifford '60 Outstanding Class Secretary Award at the luncheon.]* ✷ A great disappointment was Skip Dimond's absence, especially since Skip was awarded, regrettably in absentia, an Alumni Plaque in recognition of her long service and support of the College. ✷ Chapel service Sunday morning closed the proceedings, with the reunion choir, conducted by Prof. Emory Fanning, singing that beautiful Lutkin benediction, "May the Lord bless you and keep you."
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REUNION CLASS

Please don't forget that our 65th reunion is next June 5–7. Hopefully many of you can return to campus. We are also still looking for classmates to take over as class correspondents. ✷ Sadly, we must report the death of **Paul Davis** on June 1. He was living in Washington State to be near son Dwight. Our sympathy is extended to all his family. A memorial will appear in the winter issue.
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Correspondent Walker reports: **Dottie Laux O'Brien** had a stroke this past April. She was first in Bennington Hospital and then moved to the Bennington Health and Rehabilitation Center. I trust that by the time you read this she will be home. For many years Dottie has written a column entitled "Double Take" in the *Manchester* (Vt.) *Journal.* I have chosen to reprint a portion of one of her articles for your enjoyment. "I don't know if you saw the book reading on CSpan2 on February 24. The author of *Dear Miss Breed*, Joanne Oppenheim, read excerpts from her book at the Japanese National Museum in Los Angeles. April 1942 was a dark time in American history. A detention camp for Japanese Americans (called nisei) was set up in San Diego. These American citizens were rounded up all over the country by FBI agents. Men, women, and children (including one woman who had just given birth) were taken to San Diego and put on trains for the trip to the detention camp. Only one person was there to see them off. It was Miss Breed, a librarian of children's books. She came armed with pencils and stamped postcards, addressed to herself. She thrust them through the open windows of the trains, urging the children to write to her from camp. She also gave them books to read. She also gave them hope." We all can remember this incident and be grateful for all the Miss Breeds in the world. ✷ Another interesting bit of news came from **Janet Kemp Doell** who talked about how since 1978 she has studied lichens and she earned a master's in lichenology in 1982 from San Francisco State. She and her husband founded the California Lichen Society in 1994 after their four-year sail. Interested in photography, her husband became very enthusiastic about photographing lichens and with his pictures and her writing, they were able to produce a couple of little guidebooks. ✷ As previously noted, I must bow out of being class correspondent and I need a volunteer for my replacement. I have an undiagnosable skin disease that monopolizes my life. However, I had one last trip with a friend last November to London. We were on our own but booked at the Strand Palace, nestled in the theater district, which enabled us to see a show each day. We also were within walking distance to the British Museum, the Victoria and Albert, Westminster Abbey, the Churchill Museum, and the Cabinet War Rooms. One especially lovely day we had a generous walk crossing the Thames, strolling by the London Eye, and viewing the government buildings and Big Ben before returning over the Waterloo Bridge. A last farewell to travel abroad for me! ✷ **Alan Wolfley** has also found that the time has come to retire as class correspondent. Anybody willing to take over can contact the alumni editor, Sara Marshall, at 802.443.5650 or smarshal@middlebury.edu.
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Barbara "Penny" **Snow Cassedy** sends news that in May she flew to Berlin, Germany, to visit daughter Laura '82. Part of the "tour" included a cruise on the River Elbe from Prague, Czech Republic, to Potsdam, Germany. Penny was most impressed with Berlin and its apparent prosperity. ✷ **Barbara Busing Harris** reports with a great deal of justified pride on the accomplishments of granddaughter Megan '00 who just graduated from UVM Medical School. She'll do her residency in Lebanon, N.H. (Megan, not Barbara). ✷ **Ann Curry Munier** wrote of her life in Somers, N.Y. (winters), and in New Hampshire in the summer. She has enjoyed visits with Barbara Harris and **Hazel Godfrey Murphy**. Ann plays platform tennis all winter and keeps "putting one foot in front of the other at all times." ✷ **Barbara Flink Ewels** writes that one morning this winter, she found a four-foot alligator in the swimming pool where she normally does laps. Giving no thought to her personal safety, Flinkie dove into the pool and wrestled the alligator into submission. She has proudly hung the pelt over the fireplace in the den. (Actually, you'll discover at least one of your class correspondents gets a little carried away at times with a story. In actual fact, Flinkie took one look at the gator and promptly went back into the kitchen for several cups of strong coffee while the Florida Wildlife Service took care of her problem.) ✷ **Jeanne Picard Johnson** writes about her busy life that would leave most of us panting. In summer 2007, she and Art traveled to England for Wimbledon; they then toured Denmark, ending up in Copenhagen to board the cruise ship *Marco Polo.* The ship visited Finland, Russia, Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia, and Germany. While at home, Pic keeps the books, tries to learn how to use her (censored) computer, and tries to lose weight. She says she is not successful in any of these endeavors; that we doubt. In the meantime, life is very pleasant for her and Art in their retirement home in South Hadley, Conn. ✷ On a sad note, we report the deaths of several of our classmates. On March 25, **Elma Baldrick** passed away. On May 16, **Ruth Norton Forsberg** died. Ruth did not graduate with us but was considered a member of our class. On May 21, **Ann Argyle Lerew** died in Colorado. She leaves husband Jack, two daughters, a son, and two grandchildren. Finally, in May, Elmer Selnau,

WAR STORIES

Several alumni responded to our request for war stories. Four stories appear below and more will be printed in the winter and spring issues. If you have a story you'd like to share, please send it to us. (Our address is in the front of the magazine.)

My husband, Ensign Harlan Twible, reported for duty on the USS *Indianapolis* early in July 1945, just weeks after his graduation from the U.S. Naval Academy on June 6 and our wedding on June 14. The *Indianapolis* was about to embark on a top-secret mission to transport the components of the first two atomic bombs to the U.S. Army Air Force on Tinian Island. Upon completing the mission, the ship proceeded to Guam for refueling before sailing to the Philippines to join the 3rd Fleet. Twenty-nine hours after leaving Guam, the ship was torpedoed by a Japanese submarine, sinking in 12 minutes on July 30. Harlan had just been relieved from his watch station when the torpedoes struck the forward magazines of the ship. He made his way to the quarterdeck where he was told to go aft and take the men to the high side of the ship. It was not possible to do so as the ship was already canting to starboard, and it was evident that the ship was sinking. He gave the order to abandon ship and 325 burned and wounded sailors followed him into the sea. Four days and five nights later the remainder of the crew was sighted by a Navy bomber coming in to bomb what they thought was an enemy submarine. On finding it was men, they notified their base and the rescue was begun. Of the 325 men in his group only 151 survived. Lack of sleep, water, and food for so many days and exposure to the elements had weakened them to exhaustion and attacks of sharks had wreaked havoc on the group. Only 80 men are left today to recall that terrifying experience where 880 men total died and only 317 survived. They meet occasionally to remember those who perished so many years ago.

—Alice Southworth Twible '45

Because our WWII veterans are dying at a rapid rate, I believe it is very important that their stories be told. For this reason, I was able to persuade my uncle to tell his story. It has taken years for many of these veterans to unlock the memories of a time they would rather forget, my uncle being one of these brave men. His story is just one of thousands, but each and every story is just as significant as the last.

In 1944, my uncle Charlie Novak, brother of Ted Novak '50 who also served in WWII, found himself in Port Moresby, Papua, New Guinea. Japanese forces had established bases on New Guinea and small islands throughout the Pacific. As a crew chief, Charlie specialized in repairs to the C-47 Skytrain airplane, which hopped from island to island. He and his fellow soldiers began carrying out the strategy of Gen. Douglas MacArthur—bypass an occupied island, hit the next, bypass another, hit the next, thereby taking the battle to some of the enemy while cutting off supplies to the rest. The Skytrains and their pilots, at tremendous risk, dropped troops and supplies on remote battlefields. Charlie's job was to keep the planes in the air, replacing worn parts, performing inspections, plugging bullet holes, leveling off fluids. Then in 1945 he was on the island of Leyte in the Philippines when an air raid occurred. The gunfire was vicious and before he could find cover, he was hit in the shoulder by a hunk of shrapnel.

Though he was bleeding, the Army medic who tended him didn't think he should be put up for a Purple Heart and never mentioned his injury in his records. Finally, 62 years later, in 2007, the U.S. government awarded Charlie and his comrades from the 317th Troop Carrier Group the Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal with Bronze Service Star Attachment.

I attended the ceremony at Scott Air Force Base in St. Louis on behalf of my uncle. Seeing the veterans honored was an emotional experience I shall never forget. These were once vibrant young men full of energy, fight, and no fear, who are now older men whose memories may be fading for many things, but the memories of WWII and their comrades linger on.

—Jean Hadley, widow of Egbert Starr Hadley '42

Once he had completed his training in the Army Air Corps flight school, Art Andres '40 found himself called into duty after Pearl Harbor was bombed by the Japanese. By the end of April 1942, he was on Horn Island off the tip of Queensland, Australia, and soon flew in his P-39 single engine fighter plane to Port Moresby, New Guinea, where the Japanese were bombing the airstrips. The orders were for Art and his comrades to fly (without maps) over the mountains that dominate the central part of New Guinea to where the Japanese had a base. The mountains were densely wooded and they were warned not to bail out or they'd never be found. In a successful mission, they attacked the Japanese base, strafing their bombers and hitting an oil dump as well, but the Japanese planes, called Zeroes, chased them. When Art turned back to help a buddy in trouble, he was suddenly cut off from the rest of his squadron. All alone now and with only a quarter of a tank of gas, he had to decide what to do. He knew he couldn't make it safely back over the mountains so he chose to fly south along the coast. Watching for a village where he could land, he spotted a field and flew towards it but for some reason pulled up at the last minute. Later he learned the field was actually a marsh so his instincts had been correct. Eventually he safely landed wheels up on a beach, receiving a cut on his arm. Looking at the safety glass behind his seat, he saw a 20-mm shell that had been put there by a Japanese fighter right at head level. He climbed out of the plane and stood facing more than 75 villagers with spears and clubs standing on the beach watching him. He pointed to the insignia on the plane to show he was American. Suddenly a little girl ran down to him with a smile on her face and he knew it would be all right. He pointed to his stomach because he was very hungry, and one of the boys climbed a tree to get him a coconut. He stayed with the villagers while waiting for his cut to heal, sleeping in a native hut, which was on stilts. At night they would light a fire under the hut to smoke out the mosquitos. Although it was hot he was thankful as he had no quinine to fight against malaria. The villagers were great fisherman—they would spear the fish, a skill Art couldn't get the hang of. They also caught wild pigs on occasion but mainly they ate rice, sweet potatoes, bananas, and fish. Finally as his cut began to redden, he stuck his arm in boiling water, and the healing proceeded quickly. At that point several villagers took him to the next village where an Australian boat was offshore that he could board. It was 26 days before he returned to his base. He flew over 80 missions up and down the coast during his time in Port Moresby and received the Distinguished Flying Cross, Distinguished Service Cross, Purple Heart, and Air Medal.

—From a presentation given by Arthur Andres '40

When I graduated early, in 1944, there were few takers. My hometown newspaper offered me an apprenticeship working on the society page for 20 dollars a week. Katherine Gibbs invited me to study secretarial work. I declined both offers and joined the WAVES. It was too late to sign up for officer candidate school as the Navy had all the officers they needed. I had to go as a common seaman through five weeks of boot camp at Hunter College in New York. We bunked in apartment houses near the campus, six to each room. We marched in formation, we learned to make beds with hospital corners, and we mopped and probably destroyed the beautiful wooden floors of our quarters. We had two five-minute breaks each day. We were a mixed lot: among others, a Mormon girl from Utah, a Brava girl whose parents had come from the Azores to work in the cranberry bogs of Cape Cod, a 27-year-old widow whose husband had died at Pearl Harbor, and a southern belle who had flunked out of LSU. Somehow, perhaps because we had to, we coalesced—that is, until the day we began to refight the Civil War. It happened that the Navy had selected a few highly qualified black women to be WAVES officers. We northerners noted that when the southern girls came close to saluting distance of their black sisters, they took detours. We therefore attempted to demonstrate our own proud lack of racial bias and pursued the young black officers relentlessly, forcing smart salutes upon those we caught. Some of them looked quite alarmed. Eventually I graduated from aerology school in Lakehurst, N.J., and was assigned, along with a New York girl who had done even worse in deciphering coded weather messages than I had, to the least attractive post available, a Naval Air Station in Clinton, Okla.

—Elaine King Dandh '45

husband of **Lois Brigham Selnau**, died in Connecticut. Elmer was one of the stalwart Midd husbands who had a remarkable attendance record at reunions, big and small. ✷ We received a nice e-mail from **Helen Riggs Rice** from Omaha, Neb. Husband George, MS '45 is very involved with the preservation and restoration of large pipe organs, magnificent machines for making music. As a result, Helen and George get to travel some, which they both enjoy. George is also an accomplished organ player himself; Helen is a top-rated listener. ✷ From Binghamton, N.Y., **Ruth Riley Wendell** reports that her grandson is attending Middlebury and loves it (of course). He is a third generation Middite (is that a word?) with Grandma and his mother, Phyllis Wendell Mackey '78, preceding him. Smiley enjoyed her annual ski fest in New Hampshire with **Kelly Delong Desmond.** ✷ **Bette Royce** writes that she spends time in Wisconsin with family and planned to return this summer, although she admitted it would be difficult to leave her beautiful Colorado. ✷ **Nancy Rathgeb Smith** continues her commute between Highland, N.Y., and Dennis, Cape Cod, Mass., several times a year. In April she journeyed to Washington, D.C., to be with family and to visit the several new remarkable war memorials. A trip to Spain is in the planning stages. The rest of the time she plays bridge, works for Habitat for Humanity, and helps at her church. She also takes care of two houses and their gardens. Whew. ✷ In Doylestown, Pa., **Alice Thorn Laquer** and husband are enjoying life in their new townhouse. The escape from heavy gardening in Gardenville, Pa., to small gardens in Doylestown is quite satisfying. Alice is still having fun with—and is challenged by—her computer, printer, and digital camera. She keeps in touch with **Jane Strayer Hess**. ✷ **Joan Campbell Shaw** spent a lengthy six weeks recovering from a sprained ankle. For some reason, her cross-country skis went north while at the same time Cam was heading south. In other news, she has received recognition from the Grandmothers of the Year Association as she was able to demonstrate that she can still change a two-year-old's diaper while at the same time fending off the dog who wanted badly to help and simultaneously keeping a six-year-old out of the cookie pantry. Very adroit, Cam. ✷ **Mary Naismith Means** heard from Bob Whittier, 1949 class correspondent, about Wendel Agne '49, who started out as a 1946 classmate. Wendel has had a successful career teaching Russian and English literature at UCLA. He has also written poetry and has had three plays produced. ✷ **Mary Caswell Jones** has a great-grandson, Wyatt Boone, born June 12 who has an impressive Middlebury heritage. His father is Dustin Boone '95, his grandmother is Dorinda Ingalls '72, his great-grandmother is Mary, and his great-great-grandmother is Ginevra Harlow Caswell '15. ✷ Lastly but not leastly, **Phyllis Faber Warren**, with husband Tim at her side, reports that they survived their first Maine winter at the Highlands in Topsham. Phyl signed them up for the Alumni College at Bread Loaf. Tim claims they always sign up for the same courses together. "That's so we can help each other find our room each night," Tim said, forgetfully.

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Anne Macomber Wood is fortunate to have a next-door neighbor who likes to travel. They've gone on several cruises to Bermuda, Canada, the Panama Canal, and the Caribbean. Their last trip to the Caribbean in January was aboard the *Queen Mary II* and it was especially exciting because all three *Queens* met in New York Harbor and there were splendid fireworks. She also enjoys the senior center trips to the symphony, to Tanglewood, and to Washington. Her only granddaughter spent the last semester in France and her only grandson is getting married this fall. ✷ After graduating from Middlebury, **Audrey Jewell Lenk** continued her studies at Simmons College, becoming a clinical social worker. She has moved into a retirement center, which she thoroughly enjoys as it provides a lot of opportunities for stimulating, intellectual discussions and is conveniently located so she can enjoy local areas and activities. She considers herself lucky to have two daughters close by. ✷ **Mary Gray Rosenfeld** and her best buddy of 25 years, George Fitzsimmons, live in downtown St. Petersburg, Fla., where there's a lot going on. They enjoy visiting art museums, art galleries, the theater, restaurants, parks, the nature center, and even enjoy going shopping. Both are interested in politics, business, and finance. Her family lives in Arizona and they take brief forays to visit them. ✷ **Phil** and Jean Sloan '49 **Briggs** moved into their new Shelburne home as planned December 18, 2007, amid the snow of winter, and unpacked for two weeks before leaving for Arizona for the next few months. When they returned to Vermont they couldn't find anything as they did not remember where they had put things. They took two grandchildren on a Baltic cruise in July. ✷ After returning from China last year, **Pat Harvey Oehler** has gone here and there and traveled to Ashland, Ore., for the Shakespeare Festival. Then in October she fell and injured her back, which cramped her style for a while. It healed itself in time for her to go to Amherst, Mass., to spend Christmas with her two sons. She found handicap treatment by the airlines a real plus. Now fully reactivated, she's president of her women's group at church, leader of her quilting group, a choir member, and docent at their zoo. A short while ago she took off for three weeks in Scotland. ✷ **Betsy Hornaday Fry** enjoyed her eye-opening trip to the Holy Land in April. As they had three leaders who were Arab Palestinian Christians, they were suspect and scrutinized at every checkpoint in Galilee, Jerusalem, and the West Bank. They wrote an article about the trip for the local newspaper and were criticized by a reader who claimed it was one-sided. Betsy spent August at the Ghost Ranch Conference Center in Abiquiu, N.M. ✷ After our 60th class reunion where she enjoyed time with friends **Suzanne Gard Knox** and **Phyllis Hackley Foote**, **June Brookman Kinney** traveled to Sacramento, Calif., to help celebrate her brother-in-law's 80th birthday. Still living full time in Lake Placid, Fla., she was hoping to visit her family in New York this past summer but they adopted a small stray Cairn terrier and he keeps them very busy. She is still hoping to find a dog sitter. ✷ This past February **Joyce Walsh Heath** and her daughter spent a week in Coronado, Calif., visiting her youngest daughter and two grandchildren. Her son-in-law is a captain with the SEALS and was beginning a two-year assignment in Stuttgart, Germany, as of July. They plan to visit him in 2009. During the spring she took three classes at Elderly Services in Middlebury—tap dancing (she says she will never be a Gene Kelly), recorder playing, and the Holocaust. In addition she leads a bone-builders exercise class, walks three miles daily, cuts and trims her lawn, weaves baskets, knits, works two days per week as a lister for the town of Brandon, Vt., and is a justice of the peace, chairman of the Board of Civil Authority, treasurer and trustee of the Brandon Library, and treasurer of the Otter Valley Union High School district. A very busy lady, she! ✷ **Phyllis Burke Cunningham** has been very busy this past year. She spent February in Florida; attended her granddaughter's graduation in Portland, Maine; went to Smugglers' Notch in Vermont and to her family camp at nearby Fern Lake; and spent last Christmas in Middlebury with all 15 family members. ✷ **Tiffany Clark Nourse** missed out on our reunion but went with husband Bart '48 to enjoy the College's hospitality and friends at his 60th. The highlight of the weekend for her was Sunday chapel when the alumni choir sang a beautiful anthem and the seven-fold amen. She also enjoyed Prof. John Hunisak's tour of the campus sculptures. She and Bart had two graduating granddaughters this year—Katherine from Villanova School of Nursing and Becky from Williams. ✷ Activities for **Flo King Millsaps** center on her role in the Newcomers Club in Salt Lake City, Utah. She conducts monthly tours to introduce newcomers to the favorite old buildings and the great mountain backdrop. She now knows more about the history of Salt Lake City than she ever did about New York. Though not a member of the Latter-day Saints, she admires them and relates to their history. Membership in the Heritage Foundation and their monthly tours keep her interested and she keeps fit by hiking. ✷ Involved with many projects, **Jean Gunther** is presently doing a scene with counted cross-stitch, which she anticipates will take her 12-13 months. When completed she will give it to the SPCA to be sold. As a member of their fund-raising committee, she gives them many handicrafts to sell. She gave up her personal garden because of the local wildlife. However, she and five others have created a garden on the retirement community land. They call it Remembrance Garden and keep a book in which they list those who have donated to it. To keep the wildlife out, they have installed a seven-foot fence. ✷ On a sad note, Jill Masters sent a notice of her father's death on May 20, 2007. Dr. **Frederick Williams** fought a valiant but losing battle with cancer. His ashes are entombed at Arlington National Cemetery. We send our condolences to his family.

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Correspondent Ness reports: If the weather we encountered reunion weekend is typical of June in Vermont these days, global warming is alive and well. Most of the weekend was in the 90s and very humid, making Convocation and Sunday chapel a bit uncomfortable. Nonetheless, the 60th was a wonderful gathering of more than 40 classmates, many of whom were accompanied by spouses, friends, and children. I felt a heightened sense of camaraderie and conviviality, even when talking with classmates I had scarcely known during undergrad days. Some who had planned

to attend were unable to attend: **Jean Webster Skoien**, **Ruth Wimmer Leggett**, and **Lee Robbins Otorowski**. Lee canceled because of her husband's death this past spring. She was hoping to come east from Bainbridge Island, Wash., in July to spend the rest of the summer in her home in Franconia, N.H. While there, she planned to drive over to Middlebury to see all the changes that have taken place since she was last there 10 years ago. Our sympathy is sent to Lee and her children. ✳ We also learned that **Ann Johnson Johnson** died November 29, 2007, and **Ann Walthall Kittredge** died June 11, 2008, in San Diego. The class extends condolences to the families of our classmates. ✳ After moving, **Edith Titus Harman** wrote, "We left Middlebury with mixed emotions after over 30 years of calling it home and observing the College grow into the 21st century. We are enjoying all Washington State has to offer, especially two of our children, grandchildren, and the lively city of Seattle." She was able to get back to Middlebury for reunion. ✳ **Else** "June" **Theisen Waller** wrote in: "I finally retired almost two years ago after 22 years as parish secretary for my church. I still sing in the choir and serve as a lector. Son James lives here in Hicksville, N.Y., and daughter Leslie lives in Missouri. No grandchildren." ✳ A fond farewell after this issue to my partner in crime, **Bart Nourse**, who has earned some time off, and a warm welcome to **Sandy Rosenberg**, who is my new co-correspondent. ✳ Correspondent Nourse reports: **Bennie** and **Nancy Neal DeSalvo** could not be with us for our 60th due to an illness of Bennie's that kept them close to home in Wakefield, R.I. Nancy writes that two of their children reuned this same year, Bart '73 with his 35th and Missy Berg '78 with her 30th. We wish you well, good people! ✳ **Jack Kofoed** is a man that plans his schedule every day—and has for his entire business career. So this past May he moved into a total-care development in Wolfeboro, N.H., the same town he's lived in since moving from Pennsylvania. He's ever the upbeat! As they say in Scouting: "Be prepared." ✳ **Bob** and **Marya Steele Kellogg** still sing (with about 75 others) in the Middlebury College Community Chorus. Recently Tiffany and I heard their performance that included John Rutter's *Requiem*. It was superb! ✳ **David Smith** and his wife continue to enjoy the balance between their home in Walpole, Maine (near the coast), and their visits to various children and nine grandchildren. He's still a teacher in the summer—the latest course examined nonsense rhymes, limericks, spoofs, and parodies, touching (or at least tickling) the "child" in every student despite their age. ✳ **Jack Dawson** writes that he and Edie (Gordon) '47 are both "out to pasture." And the pasture is still in Grinnell, Iowa, where they have lived almost since graduation. They have enjoyed Grinnell and the many events at the college so much. (We understand, Jack—Tiffany and I do the same now here at Middlebury.) ✳ **Jack Fitzpatrick** recently celebrated his 85th birthday. I received a picture postcard that was superb! It's a painting of Jack sitting at the bar in the Red Lion Inn in Stockbridge, Mass., the inn he owns. ✳ I received a very generous college gift from **Gloria Tanner-Assie**, who is still living in Paris, France. Sadly, she learned on January 10 that grandson Victor (17) has leukemia. For that reason and because of her galloping arthritis, she was not able to attend our reunion. She sends her best to one and all who still remember her. I'm sure she'd love to hear from you. She lives at 1 Square Malherbe, F-75016 Paris, France. ✳ This is my last column. Please know that it has been a lot of fun corresponding with you good men but it's time to let someone else pick up his pen. The 60th reunion was wonderful. Co-correspondent **Liz Bredenberg Ness** said, I believe, that we had 44 classmates in attendance. One of them was Sandy Rosenberg, who with his delightful wife Rita, flew in from Sacramento, Calif. As Liz mentioned above, Sandy is now the class correspondent for the men. Welcome, Sandy! And thank you, Sara Marshall; you are great to work with! And so, too, are you, Liz Ness!
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Correspondent Platt reports: To all you '49ers—next June is our 60th reunion. Begin to make your plans now to attend so we can have a grand turnout and reconnect with all our classmates. ✳ The other day I had a delightful conversation with **Kay Mulligan**. She tells me she and husband Pat (**Edward Mulligan**) continue to keep very busy and are traveling a lot. In fact they had just returned from two trips to California—first to watch their granddaughter in a gymkhana (an equestrian event), and then a few weeks later, back for her graduation from prep school. Interesting to note that son Michael '75 is the headmaster at Thacher School, the prep school their granddaughter attends. Then Kay went on to tell me about their trip this past spring to the island of Sicily and then to Rome. One of Pat's relatives (who was with them) had recently converted to Catholicism and they were able to arrange an appointment to have tea with Cardinal Law and then tour the Basilica of Santa Maria Maggiore. There are many major works of art throughout and she said they were simply beautiful! ✳ Later, the same day, I was able to catch up with **Betty** "Deanie" **Dean Custer** who is also keeping very busy. It was somewhat of a hectic spring medically for husband Dan. He had three stents, and a diagnosis of lung cancer, but the prognosis is good and all is well now. She continues working in real estate and volunteering in two organizations. One is a real estate professional organization that helps seniors with all aspects of selling, buying, obtaining legal information, and moving—a very worthwhile endeavor as seniors can often be taken advantage of in the process if they are not familiar with the right professionals to help them. She's also on a committee for Friends of the Aging. Keep it up; we need folks like you. We talked of reunion next year and she says they plan to be there. ✳ Two interesting e-mails came from **Rachel Stryker Smith**. "Personal news is that Dwight and I continue to be involved in the Presbyterian Church activities when we are home. I also volunteer at the local library and a food pantry/thrift shop in our little town. We traveled a lot in 2007: a long bike trip south in April followed by a visit to England in May when we guided a narrow boat in the Oxford Canal for a week and then hiked in the Peak District. An Elderhostel took us to Spain last fall when we hiked on the Camino de Santiago before touring Granada and Toledo on our own. Wish I had retained more of Sam Guarnaccia's teaching. We did find Spain delightful in every way, returning home with a few extra pounds (tummy, not money). This year we're determined not to cross any major ocean. It's time to enjoy this continent. New Mexico and friends in Oklahoma were April's attractions with Nova Scotia our plan for fall." A month and a half later the next e-mail shared this information. "We investigated Indian ruins in New Mexico, Arizona, and Colorado with relatives from Sweden and one grandson. The family plan is to travel with each grandchild to a desired place. We have taken two granddaughters to Key West and Canada, two grandsons to England and Scotland, and this grandson to New Mexico. Only one granddaughter to go." She also said they flew to Oklahoma and visited with **Edie Hendrickson Buttrick**. "She recounted the pastorates Bob held, the years of his decline, and his nearly three years in a nursing home before he died last September. Edie herself looks very well; she's slim and active. She also mentioned that she has Parkinson's disease but the effects of that were not noticeable. It was a thrill for both of us to catch up and I encouraged her to come to our 60th reunion next year." ✳ Thanks for taking me up on suggesting good books to read. Hope this will inspire others to do the same. Rachel Smith writes: "How did I ever miss Thornton Wilder's *Bridge of San Luis Rey* in college? Our longstanding book group recently discussed it and now we are on *Three Cups of Tea* to be followed by *A Crack in the Center of the Earth*. Wilder's work is extraordinary and I would recommend it for any age group." I also read *Three Cups of Tea* and found it very informative and interesting. ✳ Sadly I must report the passing of **Pauline Wilkins Proctor** on May 13. Our condolences are sent to her family. ✳ Keep the news coming! ✳ Correspondent Whittier reports: **Dixon Hemphill** realized a boyhood dream, cruising 900 miles in a 28-foot Cape Dory with his friend, a retired naval aviator to do the navigating. They sailed and motored a "not easy trip" from Annapolis, Md., via numerous waterways, to Westerly, R.I., and back. When at anchor for the night in Barnagut Bay, a miscalculation of depth at low tide stranded them for several hours as they waited for the tide to turn. More details will be reported in the winter issue. ✳ Battelle Institute in Columbus, Ohio, employed **Bill Goldthwaite** for 30 years. During this time he was engaged in managing activities in the physics department. Today he enjoys the antics of eight grandchildren. ✳ **Walter Savage** and wife Patty were preparing for their annual trip to their vacation home in Cape May, N.J., when we spoke. Most years Walt reads 15-16 submissions to the book awards committee of the New Jersey Council for the Humanities, of which he became a member at its inception 16 years ago. His fascinating (and extensive) journals, written when at Cambridge University, may be seen at savagewroxton.blogspot.com. ✳ Despite **Dan Muessel**'s concern that his quiet life did not warrant a note, we discovered much of mutual interest. Dan journeyed to Middlebury directly from high school in the summer of '43, enrolled in the first Navy V-12 class. After four semesters, he went to Columbia for officer training, thence to an LCT eventually off Okinawa, ferrying dangerous cargos ashore. The ship was on a 24-hour alert for the invasion of Japan when the enemy capitulated. ✳ I'm sorry to report the

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deaths of some classmates: **Frank Facini** on May 31, **Robert Goell** on May 8, and **Charles Hall** on May 27, 2008.

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As of this time, your class correspondents have written at least once to all 176 members of the Class of 1950. By our calculations, 98 have responded and appeared in class notes during the past three years, a return of about 57 percent. Some 121 have contributed or been mentioned more than once. We are most grateful for the support you have shown. (Of course, the inverse is that some 43 percent have been silent over the same period.) We are happy that so many people have stayed involved, but we'd really like to hear from those who have been out of touch. ✷ We heard from **Ed Harter**: "I have not visited Middlebury since the 40th reunion in 1990. I would like to see the many additions and changes to the campus. I have enjoyed each place where I have lived: Washington, D.C., and New York City, where I first worked as an architect after a tour in the Navy; Seattle and Bellevue, Wash., for 18 years; Fairbanks, Alaska, for six years; Mount Kisco and Goshen, N.Y., from 1986 until 2005 and now Phoenix, Ariz., for the past three years. For Noreen and myself, the Southwest has been a novel and fascinating location for local exploration and study. We drove to the Pacific Northwest last August and visited my old haunts in Seattle and friends on the Oregon coast and renewed ourselves with the memory of rain and green forests before returning to the desert. We regularly visit northern Arizona (Sedona's Red Rocks country and Flagstaff). Last year I skied on Durango Mountain, Colo.—a beautiful outing but icy slopes. Probably the last time I will do much downhill skiing. We drove to Southern California (Costa Mesa) to visit Noreen's stepson for Thanksgiving and to look at architecture in LA. Most of the trip is over vast sand and gravel plains with lines of mountains in the far distance. The desert has a raw beauty I would like to capture with watercolors (have not done much painting for years). Travel abroad was last made in 1999 to London and in 2001 to France, two weeks after 9/11. That was a memorable trip. We wanted to find the ancestral village of my mother's family in northern France. (We did.) The French treated us like royalty after the terrorist attacks and accepted my rusty French with courtesy. We loved Paris and the Loire Valley. Now I wish and wait for the dollar's value to rise again. I still have occasional work as an architect, encountering new environmental problems I never faced before (and glad to avoid the cold, wet factors that were constants previously). Autumn, winter, and spring are marvelous seasons here but the summer heat is something to which I am still being acclimatized. Fortunately, there is a community swimming pool 75 feet from our rear door. I spend time gardening and nature is bountiful. The city of Phoenix sprawls all over the desert, but the in-city parks contain real mountains and are a source of pleasure hiking during the three seasons noted. We live in a Santa Fe style adobe house, a far cry from the big Victorian home in Goshen, N.Y. So we are still fresh with the novelty of living here and we like it. If any Midd alums travel this way, they are encouraged to visit and say hello." ✷ **Don Hammerberg** wrote, "I'm still practicing architecture, but have reduced the office size from 25 to a studio of 5—much more fun. I broke my leg skiing at Cannon last year—very inconvenient. I have five grandchildren: one went from Oberlin to law school, one from Hamilton to a Dartmouth Ph.D. program, one from a Boston College teaching program to Bath, England, and two are in high school. I hear from Midd classmates, including Cliff Forbush '49 and Scott Pike '48." ✷ **Lois Rapp McIlwain** remembers the late **Joan Pratt Tillman**. "Twink was part of the small group of girls who lived in Forest East under the watchful eye of Miss Baker (later to become Mrs. Red Kelly). Besides her good nature and sense of humor, many of us will always remember Twink's delightful Worcester accent that was especially apparent whenever she said 'hats' in our nightly bridge games." ✷ We are saddened to report the death of **Bob Bennitt** on June 20. We send our condolences to his family and friends. **Phil Porter** writes, "Bob was a close, dear friend. We shared many interests. At Middlebury, in addition to being captain of the hockey team, he was an avid sailor out on Lake Dunmore and impossible to beat. He built, I believe, the sailboats of the Dunmore fleet. We both majored in geography and did graduate study at Syracuse Univ. Bob decided, after a year at Syracuse, to pursue a career closer to water and boats. He worked for the Eyelet Specialty Company in Wallingford, Conn., a manufacturer of specialty plastics and metal alloys, but he lived on Killam's Point, right on Long Island Sound, where he could enjoy his lifelong love of sailing." ✷ **Bard Lindeman**, with a number of noted writers, attended a reception at the Bennington Museum to honor the memory of Bill Heinz '37. He recalled his 60-year friendship with Heinz, during which the older writer mentored and guided Bard through his own successful writing career. See the class notes for 1937 in this issue for more detail.

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Philip Clarke wrote of the May 20 death of **Parker Poole Jr.**, president and wharfinger of Union Wharf, the oldest wharf and also the oldest family-run pier on the Portland, Maine, waterfront. Do reread Parker's piece in our 50th reunion book, and then go to Google to find *Portland Press Herald* obituaries for more on his life and the wharf. We send our sympathies to wife Victoria and to all his family and friends. Phil also saw the *New York Times* notice of Calvin Axinn's death, brother of **Donald Axinn**, and to that family we also send sympathy. ✷ **Betty Gale Woods** planned to leave in June for a cruise up the Norwegian coast to north of the Arctic Circle and then to Helsinki for a few days. She spoke of a former cruise along the scenic coastline of Croatia and Slovenia and of the beautiful national parks with their amazing waterfalls, adding that Croatia has a very high literacy rate and Croatians are a proud people working very hard to move forward after the wars. ✷ **Carol** "Ozzie" **Osborn Moger** reports that her grandson signed on for a second tour of South Korea, while two other grandsons are college juniors this fall. "They seem to grow up in a hurry." She and Harvey were soon to depart to join North Carolina friends for back-to-back Elderhostels in Virginia. She will no longer be a class agent come this fall. We thank you for all your work on Middlebury's behalf! ✷ **Karl Rannenberg**'s letter opened thanking us for sending "birthday greetings to this 83-year-old senior citizen." He and Darlene went on a cruise to Hawaii in March; it was all very interesting, but he was glad to return to Wisconsin to face what had turned out to be a season totaling 80 inches of snow and to welcome "grass greening, trees and shrubs budding, and the birds doing their thing in the early morning hours. Wisconsin is very nice in the summer!" ✷ **Lois Behrman Watson** was busy this past year kayaking in Florida and Vermont; in August she and Harvey headed back to northern British Columbia for the annual salmon fishing trip; golf is still very much in the picture; and she had a date to go soaring in Springfield, Vt., this past summer—she looked forward to getting back in the air. In July Lois and Harvey awarded five scholarships in the Middlebury Language Schools for master's and Ph.D. degrees, and this fall they are awarding their first three scholarships to students at Monterey Institute. ✷ **Betsy Jones White** wrote about a family history trip she took in April to north Wales with son Jeff, daughter Alice '76, and two granddaughters. Planning to visit historic places, they also wanted to see where their ancestors lived and perhaps locate some descendants of Betsy's grandfather's siblings. Her grandfather, Hugh Jones, a carpenter from Anglesey, emigrated to NYC in 1894, the only child of five to do so. Jeff organized a tea at a hotel near Amlwch and invited interested relatives to attend. One of the 16 who came remembered her grandfather from a visit Hugh made to Wales in 1937. What stuck in his memory was the sixpence Hugh gave him as a present. Another highlight of the trip was visiting Harlech castle, built from 1283–89 for Edward the First of England in the process of subduing the Welsh! She writes, "Our ancestors were better acquainted with the slate quarries than the castles so we paid our respects at the National Slate Museum in Llanberis. Put us in the mood to install a slate roof on the house in Berkeley Heights!"

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Correspondent Villet reports: Soon after **Sally Baldwin Utiger** wrote that her artist son was to have an exhibition in Newton, Mass., which she was helping hang, I received a second sad notice that her husband of 54 years, Bob, had died at home on June 29. Sally and daughter Jane had nursed Bob through his final illness. We send our heartfelt condolences. ✷ In Sally's letter, she inquired as to **Lynn McMillen**'s well-being. Lynn, too, went through heavy seas over the past year. Recognizing that her health was declining, she and her long-term partner decided to sell their home in Shrewsbury, Mass., and buy into an extended care facility near Lynn's family in Michigan. But before their departure she signed on for a hip replacement (the second). She weathered the surgery but remained infirm afterwards and had to spend several months in rehab. Grimly, no sooner had she recovered and

been released than she fell and fractured her pelvis and was back in rehab when the house sale was completed, forcing her partner to move to a hotel apartment in Worcester until she was fit to travel. Both have at last arrived safely in Michigan and Lynn may be reached at 41150 Fox Run Road, Novi, MI 48377. ✳ **Ruth Eldridge Race** wrote that they enjoyed the graduation from Midd in May of granddaughter Kayla, daughter of son Rob '78 and Ellen Boyles '80 Race. "The third generation at Midd!" She adds, "In January and February we walked on the bottom of the earth—an amazing adventure to Antarctica. Difficult to come up with the appropriate words to describe the splendor-filled experience!" ✳ Unfortunately I must report the death of **Dorothy Cobb MacKinnon** on April 6. Our condolences are sent to her family. ✳ Correspondent Nourse reports: As I write this the campus is preparing for the summer session students to arrive in less than a week. I learned this as I was taking part in a tour of the spanking new Donald E. Axinn '51 Center for Literary and Cultural Studies at Starr Library. Don was a fraternity brother and he should be very proud of this magnificent structure. This campus is light years away from what it was back in the '50s. ✳ I had a delightful phone conversation with **Clayt Butzer** who is living in a retirement community in Lancaster, Pa., after 44 years in New Jersey. He and **Barb** (**Eckman**) will celebrate their 55th anniversary in November. They have nine grandchildren and one great-granddaughter. They are both very involved in their community activities. Clayt is so impressed with his surroundings that I think he should become the marketing director. Nice to hear from such an enthusiastic guy. ✳ I also had a chat with **George Cheney** who retired to Walpole, N.H., two years ago. He had just attended "A Gathering of the Faithful." The late **Frank Churchill** founded the New England MGT Registry and the "Faithful" is an offshoot. George really enjoys his MG and tooling around the country roads of the Connecticut River Valley. He also has season ski passes at Stratton and Okemo. ✳ I'd heard that **Joe Davis** had hit a bump in the road. So I called to check on things and had a nice chat with wife Ann (Golding) '53. Turns out it was more than a bump. Apparently, after our 55th reunion Joe was still complaining of a bad back. He went to the local hospital in Lebanon, N.H., and was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and sent to Dartmouth Medical Center. There, fortunately, the diagnosis was changed to non-Hodgkin lymphoma. He was down to 142 pounds and had his last chemo treatment in November 2007. I saw him at the Class of 1953 55th reunion and he's back to 170 pounds and just as cheerful and upbeat as ever. Way to go, Joe! ✳ I'm sorry to report that **Judson Ford** passed away on May 29. The sympathy of the class is sent to his family. ✳ This past spring the Daughters of the American Revolution presented **Bill Kirby** with a certificate of award for "Excellence in Community Service." Living in New Canaan, Conn., for 42 years, he has served on the Board of the New Canaan Historical Society, been involved with fund-raising for the Women's Crisis Center and a halfway house for men in Norwalk, and been a member of the Sons of the Revolution in New York among other things. Congratulations, Bill!

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Correspondent Davis reports: Our 55th reunion saw 47 classmates plus spouses and friends return to campus for a wonderful time. We gathered Friday evening for a reception and sumptuous dinner in a private room in Proctor where we reminisced, laughed, and told stories. The rest of the weekend saw beautiful but hot weather. We had a lovely and moving memorial service led by Rev. **Nancy Hamilton Shepherd** while gathered around our class tree. We played golf, tennis, hiked, toured many campus highlights, heard lectures, and enjoyed the barbecue in the white tents behind the art museum. Sunday capped off the weekend with the alumni choir music soaring over campus during Chapel and a wonderful brunch hosted by **Ann McGinley Ross** at her beautiful home on Cider Mill Road with a fantastic view of the College and the Green Mountains. We were glad to see all those who could be there and missed all of you who could not come this time. Start planning now for our 60th, which will be upon us before we know it! ✳ Nancy Shepherd writes, "We continue to get to Lincoln, Vt., often, next door to children and grandchildren. Other children and grandchildren are in Stow, Mass. I continue an interest in the Alliance for Civic Engagement program at Middlebury. I do ongoing prison ministry and am involved in a nonprofit that brings nature to children and elders who are challenged." ✳ **Ann Findley Wohl** was sorry to miss reunion. "I enjoy living in The Woodlands, Texas, a short walk from my son and his family. Teenage granddaughters are certainly busy and interesting. I seem to be as involved as ever. Life is good!" ✳ Starting his research in 2001, **Lyman Allen** recently released his book, *To Save the Love That Was Lost,* published by Authorhouse. The title is taken from verse 11 of "The Parable of the Lost Sheep," a verse that was deleted by the Catholic Church. To learn more about the book, visit www.tosavethelove.com. ✳ We welcome **Janet Bradley Harris** as our new class correspondent. You can send news to her at 1 North Ridge, Ballston Lake, NY 12019 or at drharris52@aol.com.

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Correspondent Ryan reports: Greetings from Houston, Texas, deep in the oil patch. With crude oil and natural gas prices high (and *nobody,* no matter how much of an expert they think they are, knows whether they will go up or down), the local economy and the Gulf Coast are doing well, with unemployment still below 5 percent. This period of time is a lot different than the mid-1970s, the last boom period for Houston and the Gulf Coast; far more subdued, far more cautious. ✳ I had an excellent conversation with **Don Drew**, living in Redmond, Wash., with wife **Pat Masterton Drew**, whom he married in 1952. Don, a chemistry major, left Middlebury at the end of our sophomore year to transfer to Columbia Univ. to get a degree in chemical engineering. Unfortunately, with the Korean War raging, his draft board picked him up before he had taken his first course at Columbia. "Out of my training company of 220, 208 were sent to Korea and 12 were sent to Germany. I was one of the lucky 12." Don ended up at the 1st Infantry Division Headquarters at Würzburg, southeast of Frankfurt. (Parenthetically, two days after I spoke with Don, Emily and I had dinner in Houston with Linda and Ike Krasts '60. Ike said that he, too, had been in Würzburg, but in 1945, in a displaced persons camp. He was seven years old.) After being discharged, Don and Pat headed west (always a Westerner; he grew up in Portland) and he received his chemical engineering degree from Oregon State. He joined Shell Chemical Co. in Torrance, Calif., for a couple of years, switched to Beckman Instruments for a while, and then started his own software business in Seattle. With a successful exit strategy, he sold it some 15 years ago and stayed on as a consultant for three more years before retiring. Don has had little to do with Middlebury over the past years. "I attended the fifth reunion and enjoyed it. It seemed as if half our class had been Navy fliers." But his perception that the College took a sharp turn to the political left ("Middlebury is now too politically correct for me") has led him to distance himself. Don and Pat are doing some traveling and are clearly enjoying retirement. They have five children, who are all close by. ✳ **Jim Ashworth** is alive and well in Springfield, Mass. Like most of us, Jim got drafted after graduation, but unlike Don Drew (and me), he was sent to Korea, where he spent time trying to reduce the amount of theft taking place at PXs (a tough, tough job). Returning to Springfield, Jim went to work for a small two-man leasing company. "They were two very bright, very smart men who knew how to get the assets and how to get rid of them. And as the company grew, they always took great care of their employees." After a few years of solid growth, they sold their company to a much larger leasing company. After the buyer almost destroyed it ("they got bigitis and lost control"), the two men bought their company back at a substantial discount and picked up where they had left off. Retiring two days before his 66th birthday, Jim now works part time for a nonprofit that deals with the elderly. ✳ I spoke with **Gerry Briggs** who still lives in Paris in one of the most beautiful apartments I have ever seen. Gerry lost his wife to lung cancer in 2005, and he is now "surviving, still doing a little consulting, and some traveling." He may make it to the 55th next year; a daughter who had been living in the United Kingdom recently moved to Philadelphia and he has a brother and a niece living in Shelburne, Vt. And, he has a great-niece who recently started at Middlebury! ✳ Emily and I continue to travel. We recently returned from an extensive (over five weeks) trip to Australia. We had a tour group of two, and the trip was beautifully planned by Emily. We covered a lot, from Perth to the Great Barrier Reef and from Tasmania to Uluru. (But we didn't get to Darwin!) A beautiful, remarkable country with a fascinating history! We plan to be in Vermont next June for our 55th and hope to see many of you there. In the meantime, stay active, stay connected! ✳ Correspondent Nickerson reports: Yours truly (Whit) listened to what my body was telling me back in May—I went to my doctor (who, knowing family history, ordered tests) and quickly was transported to Mass. General Hospital in Boston where I was operated

on for a brain aneurysm. I had an incredible doctor, very high-tech care, and I'm back almost to full speed—absolutely amazing what they can do now, though my son wonders whether they "put marbles in or took them out"? I'm a very lucky gal! ✳ I have official word from the College that our 55th (can you believe it?) reunion will be next June 5–7 and we hope many of you are planning to attend. The College will be asking some of you to help with the event—please say YES and if you have any ideas for special Class of 1954 gatherings let us know. It is always a joy to return to Vermont. Please join us!
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After 42 years in the happy valley land of Kent, Conn., **Bunky Stahl Humphreys** and husband Brud are thinking of moving closer to kids and grandkids. In Kent they have been active in their church, volunteer work, tennis, and enjoyment of good friends. Bunky often recalls special times at Middlebury, particularly sophomore year with the Porter House gang. ✳ **Janet Goodwin Carrick** has been back two years in Texas—Austin this time. Life for her includes gardening, golf, and bridge. Traveling recently to Thailand and South Africa, she and her husband also spend six months a year in their vacation home in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico. Now they are trying to simplify their lives, which includes selling their home in Mexico and a third car. Their health is pretty good, and they count their blessings. ✳ **Hap Freeman** sent a short update of his life. He has lived in Neenah, Wis., for 45 years and owned a manufacturing company, which he sold in 1998. Completing 50 years together in October, he and Pam have three daughters and five grandchildren. The two do much traveling. Hap sums it all up: "Good life!" ✳ **Ev MacAskill** wrote that "due to good health, for which I am very grateful, I am still able to play golf three days a week (walking and carrying the bag); I single-hand my sailboat almost every Friday out of Channel Islands Harbor, Calif.; I have ridden my motorcycle to the boat many weeks (almost 400 miles round-trip); and I became engaged last December 31 (in the afternoon, not in the evening)." He skis at Winter Park two weeks in January and two in February and drives the 1000 miles there from California. Ev retired from the Navy in 1976 after 21 years of flying. If he misses anything about that job it would be the carrier landings, of which he has over 600. There is just nothing else to compare with bringing a single engine jet aboard an aircraft carrier, especially at night. In his very active life, Ev tries to get a short nap after lunch and not drink too much beer or single-malt scotch. ✳ The big news from **Bill Admirand** is that he finally retired before Christmas 2007 from being a gastroenterologist in Reno. At retirement, he thinks he was the oldest practicing physician in town. Now his life is fishing (in the Truckee River), skiing (Sun Valley and Reno), and hunting. He has three dogs that do very well in local field trials. Bill found retirement rather difficult at first because he has worked since the age of 12 at various jobs. He wasn't sure what he would do every day, but he's well adjusted now. He thinks wife Jan likes his retirement because now he's available for house projects. Bill is especially proud of their three daughters, all Middlebury graduates. Leigh '87 is CEO of a San Francisco international marketing company, Leslie '88 is a district attorney in Reno, and Joan '90 is a professor of pathology in Houston, Texas. ✳ When contacted, **Janet Beem Frost** was headed out the door to her physical therapy appointment following knee replacement surgery. She can now join the crowd of '55ers who treasure new knee and hip joint replacements. Janet described an impressive experience: Her son's wife, from Hungary, had been trying for six years to become an American citizen, which finally happened in March 2007. Janet and her family attended the swearing-in ceremony, where 150 new citizens from 51 countries all stood up and swore the oath together that they would follow the laws of the country. By taped video, the president spoke to the new citizens. Such a ceremony made Janet appreciate being an American citizen, something that obviously meant so much to the new citizens. Janet is proud of her family of four sons and eleven grandchildren. At this time in her life she likes "being" rather than "doing," which sounds like wise advice for all of us. ✳ Since retiring, **Don** and **Lynne Cahall Harper** have greatly enjoyed organizing and helping to run Peer Led Collaborative Learning (PLCL) through Brown Univ. Don has been president of the organization and Lynne, the curriculum coordinator. Peers (mostly retirees and senior citizens) teach the courses, which run 10 weeks in the spring and 10 weeks in the fall. Lynne and Don became so interested in archaeology and ancient history through the classes in PLCL that they are planning a trip to Turkey this year. Lynne is enjoying travel and grandchildren. ✳ **Barbara Tracy Grace** has been living in Florida for 30 years, so long she feels she has lost touch with the North. Living in Stuart, which was devastated by a hurricane four years ago, she not only lives near the ocean but also near the second largest lake in the country, Lake Okeechobee. One of her most enjoyable weekly volunteer activities is with the Oceanographic Society. She teaches schoolchildren how to take care of the environment, plants, and animals. She also works weekly as a receptionist for the Red Cross, which she finds very interesting. A great concern to her is the restoration and protection of the Everglades. Manmade rivers flow into the Everglades, making the restoration project frustrating. Another environmental issue is the overfishing within the agriculture to raise fish. Like our other classmates, Barb is concerned with improving the environment around her. ✳ **Carol** "Cece" **Clark Forell** has spent much of her energy the last 15 years on a steering committee to build a library in Tiburon, Calif., her hometown. She has been involved with legal aspects of the process, approval of architectural designs, the fund-raising, and the management of the funds from the state and a local foundation. She's very fortunate to have grandchildren nearby whom she sees frequently and she especially enjoys going with her family and friends to her home at Sea Ranch on the northern California coast. Unfortunately she suffered a compression fracture of her spine last year so some of her activities have been a little limited. However that hasn't stopped Cece from doing some remodeling of her home. As she says, "Life goes on." ✳ **Pat Hinman Makin** celebrated her 75th birthday in style in June with an overnight at the AMC Zealand Hut in central New Hampshire along with a large contingent of family and friends from various phases of her past life. Among those who endured the hike and the hard bunks to join in the celebration were **Gordon Brown** and Sylvia Swain, Linda and **Frank Punderson**, and **Tom Lamson**. ✳ **Sue Heyer Byers** is well on the road to recovery after getting two new knees in early June. Soon she will be back to her usual busy routine. ✳ We are sad to report that **Bob Killeen** died on April 3. Bob will be remembered as an active and popular campus leader during our College years. We extend our sympathy to his brother Ed '54 and the rest of his family. ✳ Check out the Celebrations page 73 for a photo of a recent Midd '55 Vail Ski Week.
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Correspondent Stearns reports: Hi to the class of '56! It has been wonderful hearing from several of you for this fall issue, but Dick and I would always enjoy hearing from many more. Some of your e-mail addresses are old and we can't get through to you electronically, so if you have changed your e-mail and *haven't sent it in*, please send it along to us. We won't send it to another soul! Promise! Although it would be good for you to let the College know as well. ✳ Several of our classmates have made adventurous changes in their locations and lifestyles. **Gwynne Kimbell Schultz** writes that after 72 years of nourishing summers and holidays at her family place in Wisconsin, she now lives there. "I moved almost two years ago and I love it, winter and all (it's quite a change from Santa Barbara). The population of my little village is about 900 people. I can walk to the library, post office, and several great restaurants. And my kids and grandkids come often enough to make it perfect. So I'm immersing myself in nature, a woods restoration on my property, volunteering at a local nature center, and helping pull garlic mustard at our state park (which, sadly, could be a full-time job). It's enough! If any of you make it to Door County, do give me a call." ✳ **Lee Goodrich Tupman** also enjoys her new choice. "I have reached my third year on Cape Cod and it's been such a good decision for me. My grandchildren, ages 5 and 12, are close by. I love hanging out with them, one on one. One of the best things is that I've finally found time to settle down and write poetry. I've written a lot, taken workshops in Truro and Provincetown, been published (not in the *New Yorker*, of course), and this spring I won first prize in the *Writer's Digest* annual poetry competition, which had 3735 entries. So I'm puffed up a little. Such a quantum leap after 40 years in Virginia. I have an inspiring church; Boston Symphony is just a short trip away; and there's good theater all around. **Jane Affleck** and **Nanka Marvin Hall** are here in the same town, and **Peter** and **Sandy Harden Greenman**, my roommate, are not so far away on Block Island. Life is good, knock wood." Congratulations, Lee, on your poetry prize! ✳ I (Judy) was sorry to hear that **Bob Peatfield** had passed away. Our junior year at Midd Bob and I worked very closely on the business end of the *Campus*. Sam (not his real name) was the business editor, Bob was the assistant business editor, and I was a peon, hardworking and conscientious. When Sam was about to graduate he asked Bob

and me if we would like to apply for his position. Both of us did and I spent much time on my application because I really wanted the job! End result: Sam apologized to me saying that it was really a man's position, and despite the fact that my application was superior to Bob's, Bob was going to get the job. Even that tiny little *Campus* office had a glass ceiling! Bob went on to do a great job as business editor and I was his assistant. ✳ On a recent trip to my husband John's Bowdoin College reunion weekend (you can go anytime after your 50th and they treat you like gold!), I had a really nice visit with **Penny Martin** who is in the midst of her out-of-retirement temporary post as dean of incoming first-years. It all sounds pretty challenging, but from these and past reports many of us are still on the rise and not yet ready to throw in the towels. Keep it going! ✳ Dick and I wish you all happy days and good health.

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Classmates are proud of **Drue Cortell Gensler,** who holds special memories of this year's commencement, when oldest granddaughter Aaron received a bachelor's degree and grandparents Drue and Art received honorary degrees. Drue writes of a July gathering of kids and grandkids at their Rancho Santa Fe house and of a spring reunion with **Diana Austin Varlay** in D.C., where they joined forces for activities and board meetings of the IEAW (Initiative to Educate Afghan Women). Several IEAW students are now studying at Middlebury. ✳ **Harris Poor** and his wife are now retired, enjoying the best of city and country life between NYC and their Hudson, N.Y., home. Mandarin Chinese lessons, circuit training, aerobics, and tai chi keep body and brain young. ✳ **Xanie Post Koontz** continues to enjoy life in Connecticut, where she is close to the water, her sister Sally, and friends and family in New York and Boston. ✳ From **Zip Rausa** comes word that he and **Charlie Sykes** are working on an article recounting their experiences with basketball coach Tony Lupien, including traveling the northern route from Middlebury to games at St. Lawrence and Clarkson in the cold white winter. ✳ **Nancy Brown McCormack** reports on a spring trip to Greece with Judy Jacobson Kehs '60. This traveling pair, the only group members from the Northeast, laughed their way from Athens to the Islands. Nancy's also been to Japan to visit her son and comments that retirement is working out nicely. ✳ **Marty Johnson Moore** checks in from her new life in Annapolis, Md. She traveled with a small team from the First Presbyterian Church to their partner church in the Czech Republic, where they tutored church members and townspeople in conversational English, her students ranging from 10-year-old boys to grandmothers. She stayed with a family who fed her bountifully and arranged visits to a hospital, villages, scenic areas, and other places of interest. In June Marty traveled to Banff with her kids, a trip she and Ken had planned before his death for their 50th anniversary to celebrate family and their many years together. ✳ **Joan Grenier Ostrow** has a new man in her life—an adorable English black Lab named Oberon. Joan was looking forward to hiking and climbing at Katahdin Lakes Camp in Maine this October. This past spring, while volunteering on a committee for the annual Woods and Lakes Run in Mountain Lakes, N.J., Joan met one of the runners at registration who turned out to be a Middlebury graduate, Ralph Loveys '80. They had a nice chat before the race began. ✳ **Diane Draper Walker** raves about two weeks in Austria, Switzerland, and southern Germany on a "Grammy and Me" trip. Di's goal is to take each of the grandchildren on a trip when they reach age 14, something of a challenge since she has a brand new grandchild. She's still working at Ethan Allen. Way to go! ✳ **Gail Bliss Allen** traveled to D.C. this spring, primarily to view her deceased son Garth's inscription on the Honor Wall at the National Museum of the American Indian, where over 20,000 names are inscribed. She also attended a wonderful three-day Smithsonian Journey to the National Craft Show. She enjoyed a mini-reunion with four of thirteen Chaffee classmates and had lunch with **Alyce Kelly Ostrow** and husband Ron. ✳ **Kathy Platt Potier** enjoyed an Elderhostel program on the art of Tuscany this past spring in Florence. She and Ron '56 look forward to celebrating their 50th with family on the coast of Maine. In the small-world department, she's reconnected with **Ann Painter,** who moved to a Lancaster, Pa., retirement community several years ago after a career in library science in Australia and a Presbyterian ministry both Down Under and in the States. Ann's using her skills running the library in her retirement community. ✳ **Peter Decker** checked in: "I don't know if this is worthy of class news or not, but a couple of months ago I was named Citizen of the Year for Ouray County (Colo.). Remember it is a very small county and about everyone is voted this 'honor' before he or she dies. Unfortunately no lifelong health care came with the award." ✳ Look in Celebrations on page 73 for a photo of a recent mini-reunion at **Mary Ellen Bushnell**'s home in New Hampshire.

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Correspondent Frobose reports: My husband Rich was eager to come with me to our reunion. He wanted to see Middlebury and to meet my friends. He was not disappointed—as I had not been disappointed 50 years ago, finding a beautiful campus, challenging classes, and more than anything else, the friends who enriched my life then and through the years. Nor was I disappointed reconnecting with them again in June. Friends and acquaintances who lived in my memories with affection and appreciation (seemingly immortal like Christopher Robin and his bear) have become over the past 50 years admirable and wise and very mortal, which filled my heart with a respectful tenderness. Our theme was "58—still great." The truth of this is amazing. Clearly we are becoming "greater." This was certainly evident Friday at the Volunteer Luncheon when our class won three reunion awards—the Armand N. LaFlamme '37 Cup for the class, other than the post-50th reunion classes, with the highest participation in reunion giving (85 percent); the Raymond A. Ablondi '52 Cup for the class with the largest reunion gift ($10,851,659); and the Governor McCullough Reunion Trophy Cup for the reunion class with the highest percentage of classmates returning for reunion (49 percent). ✳ I was inspired meeting the class correspondent for 1938, "Tommy" (Margaret Leslie Hall)—bright eyed and gracious. I wish I had met Bob Matteson '38, who is still a runner. Imagine us doing this again in twenty years! In some way looking back over my life helps me to keep looking forward. ✳ We began in sorrow, hearing of Bill Odom's death. We rejoiced over stories of adventure and achievement—with much hilarity on the side. Highlights included Convocation in the chapel with people clapping and cheering on the steps as we marched in with our canes; the play *Love Letters* with **Peter Honegger** and **Ginny Davis Irwin**; **Bobbie Bang Knowles**'s presentation of her life and work in genetics research; and the memorial service for classmates who have died, the most recent being **Tony Hilfer** on April 11 in a car accident. To all of you who couldn't come, you were with us in spirit as we took time during the weekend for remembrance and gratitude for our College on the Hill and all the companions we were given there. ✳ **Shirley Whitney Juneo** regrets to report that husband Bob died suddenly and unexpectedly at their home on Lake Dunmore the night of August 18. He had attended the 50th reunion activities and was a good sport about attending a lot of Midd functions. He will be sorely missed! Condolences from the class are sent to Shirley and her family.

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REUNION CLASS

Cynthia June Chase retired three years ago from teaching high school French and Spanish in Ridgefield, N.J. On a recent trip to Egypt, she walked for miles seeing "every temple, every tomb, every hieroglyph." She recalls that her mother, Janet Stainton June '33 (who died on July 17), often reminisced about her Middlebury days. This Middlebury family also includes Cindy's brother David '63, his wife, Carol Gillen June '66, and their daughter, Rebecca June Tefas '96. *[Ed. note: With sadness we must report that Cynthia Chase passed away on October 12. Our sympathy is sent to her family.]* ✳ **Don Woodworth** celebrated his 75th with his entire extended family in Don and Earla's old stomping ground, Montreal. Don is still one of the top senior golfers in his hometown, South Glens Falls, N.Y., and is also busy preaching at area Methodist churches. Like many of our classmates, Don is the parent of Middlebury graduates: Susan '78, Gregory '81, and Gordon '84. He may possibly be the first in our class with a grandchild attending Middlebury, as he reports Gregory's daughter Sara entered Middlebury this fall in the Class of 2012. ✳ **Cynthia Hall Marshall** reports that her graphic design/promotional writing business, PlainJayne, has been busy, recently with a cover design and layout for *Happy Life Blues: A Memoir of Survival* written by sister-in-law Cecily Mattocks Marshall '54. Regarding Cecily, she writes, "If you missed the *Middlebury Magazine* six-page spread describing Cecily's life as a POW in the Philippines, dig up the winter 2008 issue and read 'The Prisoner,' a fascinating interpretive review of the book and its author by *Boston Magazine*'s senior editor, John Wolfson. Now in its second printing, *Happy Life Blues* is available at the Middlebury College Book

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Store and other independent bookstores." Cynthia adds, "I've had the pleasure of in-person visits with **Anne Martin Hartmann**, **Granthia Lavery Preston**, **Jim Southard** and 'underclassmen' Sally Tingle Southard '61, and Breck '60 and Sue Hibbert Lardner '60 during these past months. All are either gainfully employed or gainfully involved!" In their New Hampshire home Cynthia and David host frequent visits of children and grandchildren. ✳ **Sally Sprague Carr** writes, "The Kepp-Carr Kennel brought home a new addition this year: my keeshond Scooter sired a litter of six boys (!) and we kept one of them: Sonata's Walk on the Wild Side —call name, Trekker. He'll be old enough to show in August and I am very hopeful about this puppy! In other news, Doug and I are looking at a Methodist-supported school, McCurdy, in New Mexico as a volunteer-in-mission possibility for next year. I just came back from the East Ohio Conference (again for church), as I was a delegate. It's held at Lakeside, the Chautauqua of Ohio, a lovely, quaint community of cottages on Lake Erie. And my roses have never looked better! It's a full life!" ✳ **Stuart Purdy** still works in his "laid-back way" at his travel agency, Tripmakers, which, he explains, earns him enough "to buy lots of plane tickets, and wine by the bottle and not by the box." Stuart has already made flight reservations for our 50th reunion in June 2009 and adds, "I'm counting the days; I hope to see you all." ✳ Reunion co-chair **Carolyn Parks Behr** writes, "Your reunion social chairs, **Pete Erbe** and I, know what a treat you all have in store when you return June 4–7 for our Big 50th, because we both were at Midd this past June to observe what goes on. One of the most important aspects of the whole reunion experience is the Reunion Yearbook, with a page reserved for the autobiography of each classmate. Reading about how each of us has changed the world and been changed by it will be a profound experience. If you have not sent in your page, there is still time if you send it ASAP!" ✳ Pat and **Fred Swan**, who often tell us of their exotic foreign travels, kept busy close to home last winter making their own maple syrup. They finished their ski season in early April at several areas; these activities included carrying their boots and skis up to Tuckerman Ravine at Mt. Washington. About this, your class co-correspondent **Lucy Paine Kezar** comments, "That's impressive! When my husband, Randy, and I were in our 20s and lived in Cambridge, Mass., we used to backpack into Tuckerman Ravine and ski there in April and May. We don't do it now, though we still do downhill skiing." ✳ During the summer **Nancy Smoller Le Floch**, of Châtel-Guyon, France, hosted various members of her international family. She also spent time in Innsbruck, Austria, with daughter Anne, while Anne was singing in the chorus of the Innsbruck Opera, then presenting Gounod's *Roméo et Juliette*. ✳ We are saddened to report the death of **Harriet Falls Burnett**, of cancer, on April 29. ✳ Based on the novel written by **Richard Kim**, *The Martyred* went on stage in May at the Sejong M Theater in central Seoul, marking the 100th anniversary of Korean contemporary theater and the 30th anniversary of the opening of the Sejong Center for the Performing Arts. ✳ Visit the Class of '59 **new Web site address:** http://go.middlebury.edu/classof1959.

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1959 Mystery Man

I have been going through memorabilia and I ran across an account I had written that mentions a 1959 Middlebury College graduate that I would like to know more about. In early 1960 my wife and I were driving through Central America on our way to Peru, where we were going to do research for my doctoral dissertation in anthropology. We had just crossed into Panama from Costa Rica when we "encountered a bearded hitchhiker who turned out to be a 1959 graduate of Middlebury College and was from Massachusetts. He had bummed across the U.S. and was going on down through Central America to Panama where he hoped to get a job aboard a ship." He stayed with us until we got to Panama City where we parted ways. I had forgotten all about this and am curious to know who he is. Little did I know at that time that I would spend most of my professional career on the faculty of Middlebury.

MYSTERY MAN, WHO ARE YOU?

—David Andrews
professor emeritus of anthropology

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Judy Falby Tuttle, who enjoys working on her home, says it has only taken 38 years to get to the point of finishing the upstairs bathroom. She built a cabinet to go under an antique marble sink top, added wainscoting, new moldings, and wallpaper for a whole new look. There are no grandchildren in her family yet, but the young man she raised after her own kids were grown has a little boy who Judy takes one day a week. They often visit her daughter, who runs a day care. He gets to play with other children, and so does Judy. ✳ **Anne McKenzie Jourlait** spent six weeks in Paris awaiting and then enjoying her third grandchild. The oldest two live in California, but Anthony is Parisian. Anne's second translation project came out in January, just as she began a third: the catalogue of Cypriot sculpture held by the Metropolitan Museum in NYC. It's an ambitious project and Anne is learning as much about English as about French. ✳ After four years as a widow, **Jane Bryant Quinn** married Carll Tucker on June 14. She said, "It's never too late to be a June bride, although it did feel a bit odd at Vera Wang, having my dress fit (a white cocktail dress) amid an army of 20-somethings with their mothers, their bridesmaids, and their 22-inch waists." When she arrived for her first fitting, the young elegansaka at the desk looked up and asked, "What's your daughter's name?" When Jane said, "I'm the bride," a brief expression of shock crossed her face before she made the call to the fitter. What's the world coming to? Old ladies getting married? Husband Carll was the editor of *Saturday Review*, as well as editor and publisher of a string of suburban publications, and now he writes full time. He has a wonderful new book, just published, called *The Bear Went Over the Mountain*, the tale of his age-appropriate midlife crisis, when he bought an RV and took off across the country, visiting the graves of all the presidents and vice presidents. Along with a monthly column in *Newsweek*, Jane is updating her financial handbook, *Making the Most of Your Money*. Recently she was also appointed to the GSE Systems board of directors. ✳ **Dick Atkinson** recently completed a two-year total restoration of a 200-year-old post-and-beam colonial and sold it. Now they are in the process of doing a 1500-square-foot addition for the new owner. He says, "A great feature of this restoration was the utilization of new high-tech mechanics of 'on demand' hydronic heating and hot water systems. Sometimes these projects can bite you unexpectedly, but good fortune befell us on this one when the property, previously unsurveyed, proved to have 37 acres versus the 19 listed—that led to a much larger subdivision, which was very pleasing. As for family, our pride-and-joy granddaughter, Sydney (5), just returned with her parents from the 16th year of their Mt. Hood summer ski racing camp. I wish I could send you a photo of her running gates with the other campers!" ✳ This past March Dave and **Jean Seeler-Gifford** took a cruise from Ft. Lauderdale to Rome. In Funchal, Madeira, Jean was wearing a Middlebury sweatshirt and heard someone call her name. Lynn and Peter Steinle '62 were on the same ship. Wear the Middlebury logo clothing and you never know who you will run into. Thanks to everyone for your good wishes about Dave. He is back in full health. ✳ **Breck** and **Sue Hibbert Lardner** have an active garden maintenance business that they started a couple of years ago after completing a master gardener's course at UConn. Breck writes, "We spend from one to two hours working in the morning and the same in the afternoon, sometimes together but mostly on separate projects. All clients are very local in Essex, Old Lyme, Westbrook, and Deep River, Conn. The best part of it is that each garden looks better after we've finished and our clients are happy with our efforts and are nice people to boot! We had lunch with **Gretchen Augat Reilly** and **Nancy Phillips** in Providence recently and are happy to report they haven't aged a bit! We saw **Ed** and Jane Crittenden '62 **Sommers** at a Derby Party in Cornwall, Vt., in May and then visited with **Debbie Wetmore** (ageless also) in Warren for an evening. Our kids and grandkids are thriving and healthy for which we are grateful. We visited son Peter and family in California in August as well as daughter Gretchen '87 and husband Ted Jaeckel in Princeton, N.J. Son Sam and Katherine and their four were here for a time in July as Sam was performing throughout New England (www.samlardner.com)." ✳ Send Vcevy or Jean an e-mail about your activities.

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I'd love to hear from classmates! Send me an e-mail or drop me a line by regular mail.

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Susan Earl Klebl writes that son Chris is a member of the U.S. Ski Team as a cross-country sit-skier. This past season he finished first in the U.S. Nationals in 15K, 10K, and 5K and fourth in the World Cup overall. He was on the U.S. 2006 Paralympic Team in Torino and competed on the same courses as the regular Olympic teams just a week later. He trains year-round and is looking forward to the next Olympics at Whistler. He has already skied the new courses and says they are wonderful! Daughter Catherine teaches at a Free School in Portland, Ore. Susan's three-year-old granddaughter is just a joy. Younger daughter Caroline is an Ashtanga yoga master and instructs yoga teachers around the world. Susan adds, "I have been restoring historic homes for the past 35 years. The one I live in is a Spanish revival built in 1926 and has most of the original wood floors and tiles. The patios were all concrete, so the most fun has been removing the concrete and putting in native, drought-tolerant plants. After three years they are absolutely gorgeous and only need water once every two weeks. Other than that I still sing tenor with a wonderful choir and am very active with the Sierra Club preventing environmental damage. David and I are hoping to move farther north in California this year, a little less sun and air pollution, but the real estate markets are pretty crazy at the moment. So, we'll see." ✳ In May **Carolyn Sully Aloisi** semi-retired and moved from Maryland to North Springfield, Vt. She is a licensed psychotherapist in both states.

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Class correspondents **Jan Brevoort Allen-Spencer** and **Chris White** report that all attendees at our 45th reunion agree that each time we gather, the camaraderie gets better. There was a distinct feeling of coming together with a common purpose—a sense that thankfully we have all brought positive energies and directions to the complex world we live in. Much of that goes back to the Middlebury ethic instilled in us years ago as students, and to the continued leadership the College has provided internationally. ✳ Credit for the reunion's success goes to co-chairs **Jane Bachelder Johnson** and **Larry Ring**, and to social co-chairs Jan Allen-Spencer and **Diana Ferris Cotter**. Although unable to attend, special credit goes to **Ron** and **Mary Auryansen Gambolati** whose efforts brought to our class the Gamaliel Painter's Cane Society Participation Award for the highest number of new members in the Cane Society. ✳ More than 60 classmates convened on Friday for a lovely dinner at the Kirk Alumni Center overlooking the golf course and the Green Mountains. Afterwards, we adjourned to our lounge in the new LaForce dormitory that impressed all with its amenities. ✳ Saturday was filled with campus sports activities, lectures, tours, Convocation in Mead Chapel, class photos, dinner at the Mahaney Center for Arts, followed by a concert by the Grift in Pepin Gym and more "quiet time" in our lounge. A highlight that day was the induction of Midd's #1 team sports fan, a grinning Butch Varno, as an honorary member of the Class of 1963. Thanks to classmate **Roger Ralph** for setting this in motion, culminating years of Midd teams taking turns bringing Butch to football and basketball games. ✳ Sunday, many enjoyed a leisurely breakfast or brunch at Proctor and many went to the Chapel service where some classmates joined the reunion choir. By mid-afternoon, we scattered our separate ways —feeling good about having made new connections and looking forward to many smaller arranged mini-reunions. Pass the word—the 50th reunion in 2013 will be even better. PLAN ON IT! ✳ We also received two delightful thank-you letters from students who have benefited this past year from scholarships provided by our class; neither would have been able to attend without our support, and both extolled the experiences afforded them by Middlebury. We wish them well. ✳ We're sorry to report the death of **Heckscher Tweed** on March 6. Our condolences are sent to his family. ✳ In June Rep. **Bill Delahunt**, chairman of the foreign affairs subcommittee on international organizations, human rights, and oversight, in a joint hearing with a higher education subcommittee unveiled a new program to enroll 7,500 students from developing countries in American colleges and universities. The proposal came after Bill's subcommittee released a report entitled "The Decline in America's Reputation: Why?" which documented both the decline in favorability toward the United States since the invasion of Iraq, and the potential for international student contacts to help reverse the decline. ✳ As always, we look forward to hearing from one and all. Please keep us informed and we will do likewise.

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Trading places! **Dean Montgomery** was elected to the Connecticut Bar Association House of Delegates as a representative from District One, Greenwich. He replaced **John Vecchiolla** who decided against running for another three-year term. John served as a member of the House of Delegates and Board of Governors since December 1998. Dean began his term in September and is the house parliamentarian, which for a number of years has been held by the Greenwich representative. Dean and John's offices are only blocks apart. ✳ **Michael Heaney** moved from Connecticut to Hartland, Vt., a year ago. Recently he received a Ph.D. in history from Rutgers. ✳ **Daniel Brown** writes, "Wife Carolyn and I traveled to base camp on the north face of Mt. Everest in Tibet in the fall of 2007. All was calm in Tibet at that time. We reached Lhasa, Tibet, via the two-day train journey from Beijing. We also visited Nepal for the second time." ✳ Look for **Roger Simon**'s feature film, *The Sublet,* at the Quad Cinema in NYC, beginning January 16. ✳ We hope to see you on campus next June 5–7 for our 45th reunion!

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Retiring from California State University in Chico after 37 years, **Carol Burr** has been traveling with her husband to places including Costa Rica, England, India, Brazil, Barbados, and Spain. When she's in the U.S., she enjoys working with her Tennessee Walking horse at the family ranch in Wyoming in the summers, spending time in Chico with granddaughter Olivia, and singing professionally. At Chico Carol started both the women's studies and honors programs, and chaired both the English and the multicultural and gender studies departments. ✳ After renovating a building and moving in, **Alix Neely Robinson** sends a new address from Australia: 37/20 Bonner Ave., Manly, NSW 2095. That's an interesting way to write a street number! Her temp job at a holistic health center 13 years ago has stretched into a career. She enjoys yoga, bush walking, and travel. ✳ A lovely thank-you letter arrived from one of our Class of '65 scholars who would have made an excellent companion on one of our own Mountain Club excursions. An environmental studies major, she organized and led a group of classmates through Zion National Park in February, repairing trails for the National Park Service. This fall she planned to find a job in field biology. ✳ Green Up Vermont recently named **"T" Tall** as the Governor Deane C. Davis Green Up Citizen of the Year with a tribute presented at the Green Up Annual Awards Banquet. "T" was a charter volunteer for the first Green Up Day in 1970 and served as a county chair and as president of the board of directors. "T" is busy these days because in July he began his yearlong term as district governor for Rotary International. ✳ Look on page 73 in Celebrations for a photo of a recent mini-reunion of '65ers.

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George Voland writes, "In my 46 years of playing valve trombone, I've played on many other artists' CDs, but now I play on my own album called *Remember Beauty: George Voland and Friends!*" His colleagues on the album are the great jazz flutist Ali Ryerson, jazz guitarist John Pisano (a founding member of Herb Alpert's Tijuana Brass who played extensively with jazz guitar legend Joe Pass), fine Seattle-based bassist Jeff Johnson, and drummer Greg Williamson. Former Middlebury resident Allen Johnson Jr. produced the album, which consists of selections from a concert and live studio sessions recorded in Seattle. George invites us to "give a listen at www.cdbaby.com/georgevoland so you can enjoy some great jazz. Buy a CD and I can pay off my Middlebury loans (just kidding about the loans, but not about the jazz!)." A photo of George and saxophonist Sam Armstrong appeared last May in the *Burlington Free Press* in anticipation of Burlington's annual Discover Jazz Festival. ✳ In a follow-up to his note about his and wife Donna's new business, Cornell Associates, **Gordie McAleer** talked a little about the factors leading to their career redirection: "In my last hospital CEO position I worked in central Pennsylvania,

225 miles from our permanent home in Goshen, N.Y. Donna continued to pursue her career in health care administration in the Hudson Valley. For almost 10 years we slugged out thousands of commuting miles on weekends. When she was diagnosed with breast cancer, it was time to put all of this in perspective and time for me to come home. She went through a tough journey of several rounds of treatment and surgery and is now doing well." The McAleers did a lot of reading on cancer prevention and the connection with good nutrition and regular exercise. They've gone organic to the extent that they can find local sources for produce and natural meats. This past summer Gordie took daughter Kate and sons Art '90 and Brant, and grandsons Tim and Ian on a wilderness canoe trek. They explored some of the terrain Benedict Arnold and his revolutionary army followed on his failed conquest of Quebec at the outset of the War of Independence. Gordie said that he planned to "quiz our team on this slice of military history I've somehow retained from my ROTC days at Midd." ✳ Last winter **Jack Carter** had an article published in the *NYSBA Journal* entitled "Function of the Attorney for the Child." The bio provided for him reads "Jack Carter is director of the Law Guardian Program of the Appellate Division, Third Department, and serves on the Statewide Law Guardian Advisory Committee. He is a member of the New York State Bar Association's Committee on Children and Law and is a recipient of the Bar Association's Howard A. Levine Award for Excellence in Juvenile Justice and Child Welfare." ✳ **Linda Marean Casey** was recently appointed the executive director of the Community Harvest Project, a community farm that grows fresh vegetables to address hunger in central Massachusetts.

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David Robinson sent an update on the Robinson family since their move back from Nova Scotia to Keene, N.H. "At the time of our 40th reunion last June, I was still living in NS, but by July 2007 we had arrived here in Keene with a moving truck, two kids (ages 12 and 16), a dog, three cats, a mouse, and a rabbit—all of which had of course been imported into the U.S. when we went through customs. We enjoyed our four years living in Canada very much. The folks in Nova Scotia are wonderful and we loved being close to the ocean. We made many good friends and choosing to return to the States was very emotional for us. But we have family and friends here and wanted to be closer to them. Keene is a central location for us and it's a vibrant small city. In leaving Nova Scotia, I gave up working for the sailing ship *Picton Castle*, for which I was the voyage coordinator for 11 years. With two teenagers, I'm certainly not retired, but I've found making my next career step to be a challenge. Right now I am in the process of becoming certified as a New Hampshire marital mediator, interning with Cheshire Mediation Services. I'm also doing some freelance writing and editing. I continue to sing, now with the 26-member Chamber Singers of Keene. Wife Felicia, a certified nurse-midwife for 20 years, is back at work after happily taking a couple of years off in Nova Scotia to just be a mom. She's working as a nurse manager in maternity child health at Valley Regional Hospital in Claremont, N.H. A great job for her but a long one-hour commute! Though we are in the city we have built a coop and hen house and added six laying hens to our menagerie. It's pretty lively here." ✳ **Susie Davis Patterson** is delighted to report that **Helen Martin Whyte** and Ross McIntyre were married June 21 on the front porch of their cottage on Post Pond in Lyme, N.H. Ross's daughter Jeanie and her husband represented the McIntyre side and Helen's sister Anne Martin Hartmann '59 and husband George represented Helen's family. Appropriately for Helen and Ross, two canoe and nature enthusiasts who have chosen to "paddle through life together," the cabin can only be reached by boat. Following a salmon dinner, a bottle of Barefoot champagne (the wedding couple were in their bare feet), and a good night's sleep, they departed for Manitoulin Island, Ontario, where Helen and George Whyte ran a wilderness camp in the '70s. Upon returning to Lyme, Helen and Ross prepared for the Audrey Prouty Memorial Bike Ride (a fund-raiser for the Norris Cotton Cancer Center at Dartmouth Hitchcock Hospital in Hanover where Ross was a practicing oncologist for many years). On the Thursday evening before the ride, Ross and Helen hosted a folk concert at their home featuring David Mallett of Maine, best known for his classic song "Inch by Inch, Row by Row." Enjoying the music, as well as the McIntyres' hospitality, were **Kathie Towle Hession**, husband Bob, and Susie Patterson. All participated in the bike ride on a spectacular 50-mile loop along both sides of the Connecticut River between Hanover and Fairlee, Vt. Helen will retain her current name and they will be living, for a while at least, in both Lyme and Manchester, Vt., where Helen has a condo. Helen has retired from her job with the Vermont Country Store, but will still be working on occasional projects for the Orton Family businesses and foundation.

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Thanks to everyone who came to our 40th reunion and to everyone who contributed to our class gift! We received the Gordon C. Perine '49 Award given to the class other than the 25th or 50th with the largest percent increase in a reunion gift (repeating our 1988 performance). Congratulations to you all! We received word that by the June 30 deadline, our class exceeded our ambitious class participation goal of 68 percent. Thank you to all who so graciously contributed. But note, we were outdone on both percentage of class contributing and number returning by the class of 1948. Is that evidence that if you are an active alum you live longer? ✳ As for reunion itself, the dorms the College gave us were well located, behind Proctor, and had a good lounge area and patio much utilized for quiet visits or just hanging out. At Friday night's dinner, **Dick McMahon** and **Rick Fritz** welcomed everyone back, apologizing for interrupting the point of the weekend—all of us getting reacquainted—and we saluted several classmates (a half a dozen or more) who were back for reunion for the first time, including **Roger Stephens** all the way from Australia. The panel discussion on Saturday morning was full of poignant observations and practical suggestions to ease gracefully into the next phase of life; and it progressed from what to do in retirement and problems with aging parents to advice on how to avoid the same problems for ourselves, including the importance of keeping wills up to date, having living wills (write one before you think you need one) and powers of attorney, and some very creative ideas for sharing resources across generations. It's good to know we are all passing through similar territory; sharing ideas for the journey was valuable. ✳ Although it was hot and humid on Saturday, many of our classmates enjoyed a scenic hike on the town's Trail Around Middlebury and some played golf (the tournament was won by two '68 spouses with some help from a couple of '03 significant others). We heard a rumor that **John Davidson** won the 5K run; others toured spectacular new campus buildings and attended faculty or alumni presentations. For Convocation, our class has finally "graduated" to the main floor of the Chapel—proving where we are in the demographics of alumni—and we were so many that our class filled the whole side section from front to back under the second story overhang. We had a good view of **Dan Curry** receiving his Alumni Achievement Award. The weather for Saturday night's dinner was spectacular and dancing in the old field house was still possible! ✳ Donna and **Bob Friedman** had made reservations to attend reunion, but they got the call that their son's child was about to be born, and becoming grandparents and helping out the new parents sort of trumped attending reunion. Congratulations to all the Friedmans. (Also, speaking of Bob, by the time you read this, he will again have done his Pan-Mass Bike-a-Thon as a fund-raiser for cancer. Some of us helped sponsor him.) ✳ To keep the connections going in the interim, would anyone be interested in "digitizing" our 25th reunion yearbook to make it into something we could update electronically? (That way we will be way ahead of the game for our 50th yearbook.) Or setting up a '68 blog or our own Web site or something? (Can you tell from the question that your Internet-challenged correspondents are just passing along a suggestion from another similarly disabled classmate?) The College will actually set the Web site up for us if someone is willing to maintain it. Go to www.middlebury.edu and click on Alumni. Then on the left side, click on Teams & Affinity Groups. You can see how other classes have set up Web sites. It's a quicker way to share news and photographs. ✳ Other news we have received: Our two classmates on staff, **Kathy Mason Lindsey** (admissions) and **Linda Mason-Smith** (development), report that after 25 years with Midd for Kat and "only 6, but they were great ones!" for Linda, it's "now on to less structured pursuits!" ✳ The U.S. Biathlon Association recently announced that **John Morton** will be inducted into their national Hall of Fame next year. Congratulations!

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Leland Person recently coedited a collection of essays entitled *Hawthorne and Melville: Writing a Relationship* that was published in June by the University of Georgia Press. The essays examine the complex relationship between Hawthorne and Melville during their brief but intense friendship. Leland is a professor of English at the University of Cincinnati. His books include *The Cambridge Introduction to Nathaniel Hawthorne.* ✳ Start planning for our 40th reunion next June 5–7! —Class Correspondents: *Anne Harris Onion (onions@metrocast.net), PO Box 207, Gilmanton, NH 03237; and Peter Reynolds (preyn@wcvt.com), 64 Maple St., Bristol, VT 05443.*

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It is with deep sadness and a very heavy heart that we report that **Nancy Trease** passed away on June 25, one day before her 60th birthday, after an almost 30-year battle with cancer. Our condolences to her family and friends. ✳ **Tom DeRogatis** reports from Manhattan Beach, Calif., "Older daughter Rachael graduated from Chadwick School (Palos Verdes) this past June (where **John Fiske** also retired as head of the middle school after occupying various positions at Chadwick for the past 33 years). In September, Rachael began college at Holy Cross in Worcester, Mass. Younger daughter Talia just began 10th grade at Chadwick, so we're not free just yet. After 14 1/2 years of running a small business, wife Teresa and her partner sold their women's clothing company last June and maintain some limited obligations as consultants to the new owners. As for me, after working with Teresa and her partner on the formation and operating of the business, I'm ready for a new phase in our lives. We plan to get our personal affairs in order and take time for some much-needed R and R. We do anticipate being in Boston once or twice a year for the next four years, and perhaps, with a little bit of planning, we will have the opportunity to visit with some old friends and classmates." ✳ From Chattanooga, Tenn., **Tena Rodgers Boehm** writes, "I'm having fun with three grandsons and another grandbaby on the way (boys from my daughter and coming baby from my son). I'm doing the sandwich generation thing now helping out a lot with my mom, children, and grandchildren. We're still in Chattanooga where Ned's working full time, but we've bought a townhouse in Vero Beach, Fla., where my daughter and her family live. Other than family deals, I spend most of my time working with a childcare center downtown that caters to families who can't afford quality childcare/preschool. What started off as helping out has turned into major work, being chair of the board and raising money to build a new building. It's fun, though, because downtown Chattanooga has become really beautiful in the last 20 years, but it still lacks a large and good enough childcare/preschool for many downtown workers. How weird is it to be turning 60 this year? I'll be in mourning for a long time over Tim Russert so I guess we're lucky to be 60. Got lots of things to do though! Hope to get up to Midd in 2010. My best to all you good people." ✳ **Jack Rudnick** writes, "After 15 years as general counsel of Welch Allyn, Skaneateles, N.Y., I have joined a spin-off company with a few others to bring back innovation to the product line. While I focus on legal and government affairs, I'm involved in a host of other decisions and projects. This will be the second time I've reinvented myself and I'm grateful for the opportunity and excited, too. Our focus is early stage technology with medical diagnostic applications. We have lots of projects already and many in the queue. I think inventors and universities like the simplicity and ease of working with us as opposed to the big guys. We are based on the Syracuse Univ. campus so I'm back to school in a way." ✳ **Dick** and **Meg Floyd McCann** report that they are spending six months (July–December) in Haiti this year. Dick is taking a sabbatical from Duke Univ., where he is professor of surgery. He and Meg are at the Hôpital Albert Schweitzer in rural Deschapelles. Meg is helping with epidemiology and Dick with surgery. ✳ Now that **Jeff Sturges** is back in Vermont working at Vermont Composites, he had a chance to renew his friendship with **Jim Hand** last winter playing men's indoor soccer at Riley Rink in Manchester. ✳ **Rebecca Lee Samanci** had an exhibit of fabric art at Copley Woodlands in Stowe, Vt., this past summer. She has always loved fabrics and fiber art and, inspired by the nomadic tribeswomen of Afghanistan, she designs and hand embroiders similar "Kutchi" dresses, fabric collages, and appliquéd panels. ✳ **Beth Prasse Seeley** writes, "I am thoroughly enjoying the post-corporate life, with my 'dual citizenship' on the Massachusetts seacoast (summer) and in the Colorado Rockies (winter). I have embarked on a new career that I love, helping Americans learn to eat a healthier diet. I'm planning to celebrate my big 6-0 by running a marathon this fall—wish me luck! If your travels bring you my way, please look me up—or if not, then at least e-mail me with your news items, so we can include them in the next issue!" —Class Correspondents: *David Desrochers (daveandelsa@embarqmail.com); Beth Prasse Seeley (beth@seeley.com); and Nancy Crawford Sutcliffe (ncrawford_sutcliffe@comcast.net).*

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Alex Haynes-Buob writes, "We moved from Vermont to the Chapel Hill, N.C., area in August. We managed to sell our old farmhouse (with a lot of elbow grease to spruce it up) much faster than expected. I retired as the music director at a Hanover, N.H., church to unclutter the house—it took only six months of hard work after 22 years there. My husband Tom took a buyout from UNH this past spring, making the move possible. It was tough to leave Vermont, but we were both tired of snowblowing and chipping ice in the North Country. We can escape the hot summers in our small RV or to friends in Vermont. And nothing beats those Outer Bank beaches off-season. I plan on continuing to study Spanish and then use it to volunteer in some way. I would also like to get more involved with sheepdog rescue. Our family now consists of four 12-year-old Old English sheepdogs, who are still going strong. I'm fortunate to have renewed a treasured friendship with **Nancy Krumm Sichler**—and we laugh as much as ever! I also have worked (music-wise) with **Marjorie Balgooyen Drysdale**, which has also been a pleasure." ✳ Did someone say Nan Sichler? She lives in Farmington, Conn., and reports that she and Alex used to meet for lunch in Brattleboro—halfway between their homes—several times a year. Nan has retired, which means she's still as busy as ever, but is choosing more carefully exactly what she wants to do. She still performs at recitals and benefit concerts—for causes she believes in. She gardens, sings in the church choir, travels, and is also looking south—considering a move to Florida in several years. Daughter Kirsten '02 was doing an internship at JPMorgan Chase in NYC this summer as part of her MBA at the Darden School at the Univ. of Virginia. Nan missed the 2006 reunion because she and Joe traveled extensively for more than half of the year. The highlight was five weeks spent in the Baltics and Italy with Kirsten. ✳ And did someone say Marjorie Drysdale? She still enjoys Vermont's cold winters! She and husband Dickey are avid cross-country skiers, so last winter, which was so very snowy, was particularly enjoyable. Marjorie continues to sing, teach voice, piano and flute, and to direct the Sounding Joy! adult and youth choruses in Randolph, Vt. Dickey and friends Bob '72 and Kathy Wonson '73 Eddy all participate in this chorus. In fact, the chorus has presented several concerts featuring Kathy's original compositions. They also get together several times a year with Middlebury's professor/choir director/organist emeritus Emory Fanning and pianist **Diana Egbers Fanning**. For the last 10 years, Marjorie has also directed the vocal and instrumental music for the annual July 4 youth musical at the Chandler Center for the Arts in Randolph, Vt. This year's performance of *The Sound of Music* involved 110 youth who came to camp directly after school ended in mid-June and worked full time for two weeks to put the show together. They performed at Chandler Music Hall, a renovated 100-year-old theater with lovely acoustics and a 600-person seating capacity. Marjorie gave a "Career Summary" vocal recital in June 2006 at Chandler, inviting back many of the musicians with whom she had collaborated over the years. She would love to hear from her Middlebury friends: marjoriedrysdale@gmail.com. ✳ Those who have contemplated changing careers can draw inspiration from Dr. **Susan Thornton**'s update. In December 2007, Susan received her MA in teaching (French) after a two-year program of study, during which she worked and went to school full time. After a semester of substitute teaching, she landed a job as a seventh grade French teacher in the Union-Endicott school system, close to her home in Binghamton, N.Y. "I'm 58 and starting over and I want to put at least 10 years into the system." She's delighted to be putting to use the French she learned at Middlebury. Daughter Eleanor finished her freshman year in high school and turned 15 this year. She has her sights set on attending NYU and training to become an actress! Susan reconnected with friends in the Class of '68, attending their reunion in June and staying at the home of **Leslie Boyle Shipps** in Middlebury. She was particularly excited by Middlebury's "green" initiatives, the Monterey Institute collaboration, her visit to the Janet Halstead Franklin '72 and **Churchill G. Franklin** '71 Environmental Center at Hillcrest, and the College's efforts to become carbon-neutral. ✳ **James Hartman** (we remember him as Jimmy, but that may have changed) reports, "I was in Vermont recently where I saw **Howie Verman**, Katharine, and son Stephen. I was taking a family vacation at my sister's place in Bondville with wife Evelyn (psychoanalyst), children Jacob (22), Alisa (19), and Benji (17). We hiked, swam, heard some bluegrass, and kvetched as only teenagers know how. I have been teaching at DeVry College in Long Island City

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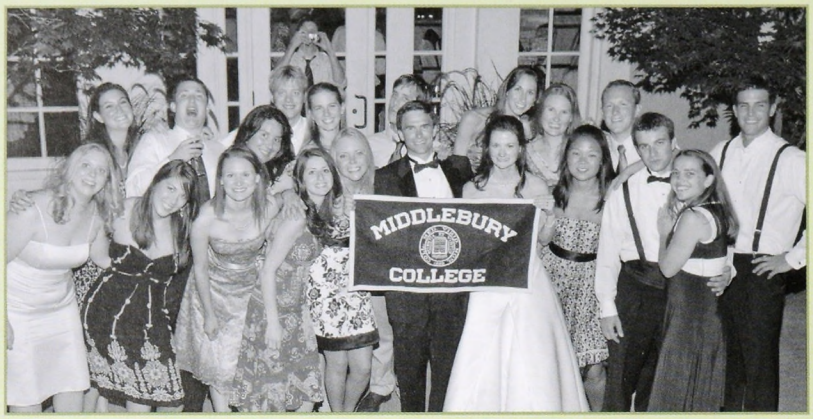
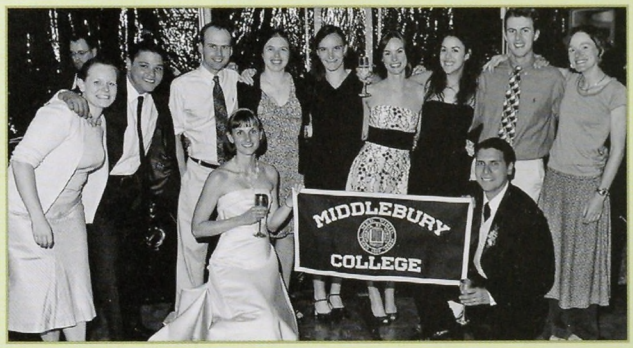


Laurel Houghton '04 and Geoff Martin '04 were married August 4, 2007, at the Inglewood Golf Club in Seattle, Wash. In attendance were fellow Middlebury grads (all '04 unless noted) Courtney Taylor, Becca Voake, Robin Dean, Vicky Craig, Erika Holsman, the newlyweds, Emily Foote, Greg Duggan, Becca Selgrade, Chris Small, (second row) Jill Snider, Andrew Barriger '06, Molly Dinsmore, Kris Burfitt '05, Brooke Medley '05, Jeremy Shakun '03, Danielle Boniello Genett, Mckalyn Garrity, and Eric Ambrette.

In Cohasset, Mass., Rebecca Kirk '96 and Stephen Fair (Yale Univ.) were married on September 1, 2007. Midd friends joined in the celebration: (all '96 unless noted) Weezie Edsell Henderson, the newlyweds, Pavel Gavrilov '04, (second row) Kendra Muelling Carter, Brett Harman Rugg '94, (third row) Scott Pokrywa, Claudia Schnipper Hochberg, Martha Shay Trail '98, and Matt Trail.

On August 11, 2007, Amy Dorrien '04 and Peter Traisci, MA Spanish '05 were married. Many Midd friends were there to celebrate the occasion: (all '04 unless noted) Andy Bohlin '05, Heather Wende, Jean Butler, Jason Cummings, MA Spanish '05, Katie Bristow, David Olano, MA Spanish '05, the newlyweds, Angela Iandoli, MA Spanish '05, Jennifer Olson, MA Spanish '05, Catherine Rodero, Lauren Keene, Karen Acheson, Epeli Rokotuiveikau, and Charlie Zabriskie.



Virginia Snodgrass '02 married Luis Rangel on July 14, 2007, at her parents' house in Bridgton, Maine. Friends helping the newlyweds (in front) to celebrate included (all '02 unless noted) Connie Winner '06, George Stallings, Pete Newell '03, Joan Murphy Newell, Serena Griffin Gammon, Liz Crook Child, Cathy Vega, Mike Romankiewicz '03, and Lorna Illingworth.

On July 8, 2006, the wedding of Katie Raben '00 and Dave Seeley '02 took place at Riverside Yacht Club in Greenwich, Conn. Middlebury friends who helped celebrate were Aaron Moatz '00, (second row) Scott Leach '00, Susie Strife Leach '02, Josh Gladding '02, Pete Albro '02, Beth Seeley '05, Jamie Haire '01, Jess Davis '01, Myles Sibley '00, Mike Atwood '01, Jamie Kneisel '01, (third row) Erin Quinn '86, Pam Lawson Quinn '88, Carol Holmes Shattuck '67, Jenny Williams Weymouth '00, Tasman Rubel '00, the newlyweds, Luke Coppedge '02, Laura Yost '00, Steve O'Neil '01, (fourth row) Megan Shattuck '96, Dana Chapin '02, Lis Warman Herbert '02, Amanda Peters '00, Zach Herbert '02, Emily Friedberg '00, Ben Fritz '00, Jay Lugosch '01, (fifth row) John Boynton '02, Jim Shattuck '62, Ben Russell '02, Emily Israel '00, Deirdre Connolly Bertrand '00, Dave Campbell '00, Jessa Martin McIntosh '00, Whitney Tremaine O'Brien '00, (sixth row) Clay Moorhead '02, Greg Carroll '02, Jack Kennedy '02, and Tom Knechtel '02. Missing from photo are Jen Harding Fritz '00 and Matt Dunn '02.

Middlebury alumni and friends who are full- or part-time residents of New Hampshire met for a mini-reunion at the home of Mary Ellen Bushnell in Sharon, N.H., on July 19, 2008: Mary Ellen Bushnell '57, Gail Parsell Beckett '57, Julie French Campbell '57, (second row) Charlie Robinson '56, Glen Graper '57, Mary Lou Graper, Norris Peirce '57, (third row) Heather Hamilton Robinson '57, Pam Clark Reilly '57, Betsy Mathewson Bailey '57, Sylvia Griswold Dow '57, (fourth row) Ned MacDowell '56, Wayne Reilly '57, Ellie Maier MacDowell '57, Maury Dow, (fifth row) Broadus Bailey, and Murray Campbell '57.

Middlebury Class of 1955 members and friends gathered in Vail, Colo., for their annual ski week: Sidney Brock Gates, Nancy Walker Faulkner, Sue Heyer Byers, Lyndia Smith Lamson '58, Frank Punderson, (second row) Pat Hinman Makin, Kathy Hughes von Hartz, Judd Zecher Colton, Carol Edgar Goodrham, Scotty MacGregor Gillette, Sally Dickerman Brew, Linda Punderson, (third row) Ann Limbach, Tom Lamson, George Limbach, Caleb Gates, Bruce Byers, Sylvia Brown, and Gordon Brown.

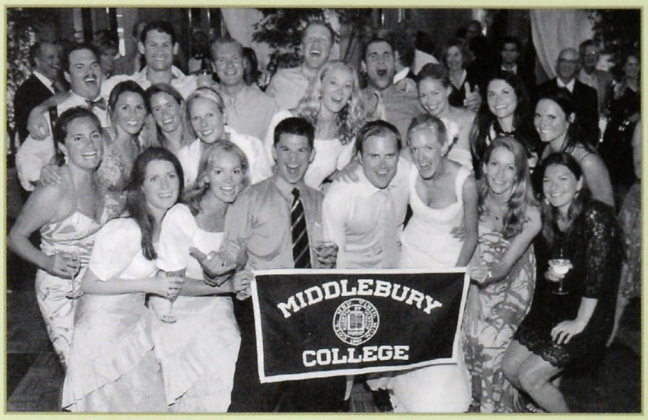
Will Hovey '91 and Miles Canfield '92 had a reunion of sorts as they fought to protect houses at the Castle Rock wildfire in Ketchum, Idaho.

Janet Behnken Rawlings '78 and Christy Klein '78 missed attending their 30th reunion but met in Chepstow, Wales, at Janet's home, after Christy and husband Mark walked Offa's Dyke 177-mile footpath.

Friends from the Class of 1965 met for the 16th consecutive year in Hawley, Mass., for a day of good conversation and a great lunch, topped off with Jane's raspberry pie: Andrea Johnson Perham, Tana Sterrett Scott, Jane Henne Grant, and Linda Wheeler Juliani.

Friends and family joined Hannah Ritchie '02 and Chip Franklin '02 in Nonquitt, Mass., for their wedding on June 16, 2007. Helping to celebrate were Jack Montgomery '72, Deede Ritchie Montgomery '72, Virginia Carpenter Halstead '43, Janet Halstead Franklin '72, the newlyweds, Derek Chicarilli '02, Bonnie McCardell, John McCardell, (second row) Katie Franklin '05, Lindsey Franklin '07, Churchill Franklin '71, Blake Barkin '03, Dana Gordon '02, (third row) Stephen Messinger '02, Annie Nichols Jones '02, Amanda Maxwell '02, Joe Fernandez '02, Andrew Dombrowski '02, Lee Jones '02, Chris Fanning '02, (fourth row) Dick Crumb '69, Ann Einsiedler Crumb '71, Morgan Jones '02, Sarah Knoebel '02, Parkin Kent '02, Benjamin Weber '02, Eric Devon '02, (fifth row) Terrence Burek '03, Molly McGlynn '02, Nick Dutton-Swain '02, Ian Bailey '03, Ed Bogart '02, and Pace Ralli '02.

Elise Young '00 married Mark Wilson at Lake Kezar in Lovell, Maine, on August 18, 2007. Present were her sister, brother-in-law, nephew, and mother, who's own stepmother was an alum of Middlebury College.



Enthusiastic friends helped Alexandra Fay '01 and Carson Baker celebrate their wedding in Burlingame, Calif., on July 14, 2007: Melinda Mettler '02, Julie Rathman '03, Ben Sprague '01, the newlyweds, Jocelyn Hunter Hornblower '01, Cally Sprague '02, (second row) Becky Belcher '01, Betsy Wheeler '01, Dana Chapin '02, Emily Oates '01, Emily Baker '01, Marissa Anshutz '03, Kiki Helffenstein '01, Ashley Rabin '01, (third row) Tripp Donelan '02, Ian Gardiner '98, Josh Gladding '02, Greg Carroll '02, and Andy Bozzo '94.

On July 6, 2007, Jackie Fitzpatrick '01 married Nat Waters, MA English '06 in Brewster, Mass. Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the Wychmere Harbor Club in Harwich Port, where the following Midd Kids and Bread Loafers crowded the dance floor all night: (all '01 unless noted) Laura Ford, Kristine Palmero, the newlyweds, Anna Tiven Sachs '00, Emily Law, MA English '06, (second row) Michael Creedon '99, Katherine Rodormer Creedon '00, Kirsten Rohstedt '01, MA English '06, Andy Pederson, MA English '06, Dave Thomas '98, Meg Perkins, MA English '08, (third row) Brent Boscarino, Jess Widay Boscarino, Julie Russell, Hallie Trattner, Clai Carr '69, Gene Campbell, MA English '06, Lucy Whittle Goldstein, MA English '07, Russell Silverman, MA English '06, Bill Burke '73, and Greg Wishart, MA English '05.

On September 15, 2007, family and friends gathered on the coast of Maine for the wedding of Kate Klapfish '01 and Brian Caprari. In attendance from the Class of 2001 were Tom Hale, Megan Campbell, Tejas Parikh, Catherine Dibenedetto, Jennie Mandeville Harrington, the newlyweds, Arvind Ponnambalam, Rifat Hasan, (second row) Mark Harrington, Russ Miller, Lindsay Frost (hidden), Ruth Howell, and Gaurav Gupta.

In an outdoor ceremony at the Waybury Inn in East Middlebury, Melissa Thacker '05 and Daniel Colonno '02 were married on August 18, 2007. Middlebury friends who helped to celebrate were McKenna Moreau '06, Beth Butler '07, Susanna Preziosi '05, Jon Woodard '02, (second row) Greg Kraczkowsky '02, Pat Zomer '05, Alli Williams '05, Rachel Berlin, Chinese School '03, Maryanne Porter '04, Carrie Evans '05, the newlyweds, Ted Walker '02, Jon Downs '02, Pat Allen '02, Martin Beatty '84, Ellie Parker '05, and Justin Lindenmayer '05.

Holly Congdon '02 and Feyzi Faruk Menguc (York Univ.) were married August 20, 2007, in a private ceremony in Chicago, Ill.

Alexis Thoman and McAndrew Rudisill '01 were married on September 15, 2007, in Manchester, Vt. The reception was held at Hildene where fun was had by all the Middlebury alums: Holt Hopkins '01, Dana Kugelman '02, Jamie Kneisel '01, Tom Graziano '01, the newlyweds, Caleb Clark '98, Charles Seilheimer '98, PJ Smith '98, Jay Lugosch '01, and James Haire '01.

Cortney Thompson '96 wed Edward (Ted) Rowan on February 3, 2007, in Tulum, Mexico. Middlebury alums at the wedding were Lisa Jankowsky Brawn '96, Weezie Edsell Henderson '96, Stephanie King Lemke '96, the bride, Bettina Thompson Stern '86, Critter Thompson '94, Chris Stern '86, and Bessie Cromwell Speers '86. Missing from photo are groom Ted Rowan and Middlebury-by-marriage Tom Speers.

The wedding of Stephanie Healy and Scott Pokrywa '96 was held June 9, 2007, at Castle Hill Resort and Spa in Ludlow, Vt. Middlebury friends who joined in the celebration included Collin Williams '98, Craig Emerson '95, (second row) Kim Whitman McGovern '96, Catherine Mitchell Wieman '97, Kate Pinto Smith '98, Neil Matthews '96, the newlyweds, Rebecca Kirk Fair '96, Brett Harman Rugg '94, (third row) Clint Bierman '97, Eric Nadzo '97, Liz Dubin '98, Jen Beaumont Wilfrid '98, Davin Wilfrid '98, Josh Bruzgul '96, Martha Shay Trail '98, Matt Trail '96, Kelly McCarthy Bevere '99, and Peter Bevere '96.

Many Middlebury friends gathered in Naples, Fla., to celebrate the May 5, 2007, wedding of Lauren Oelkers and Hayden Baker '98: (lying in front) Emily Bracken '98, (second row) Juan Carlos Calleja '98, Emily Richards '98, Jennifer Baker Warren '83, John Milnes Baker '55, Ian Baker '79, (third row) Devon White '98, Sophie Hardy '98, Maggie Bittinger Liljegren '97, Ashley Murray '00, the newlyweds, Laine Catlin '97, Shannon Reilly '97, Amy DiAdamo Foster '97, Franklin Foster '98, Ryan Oelkers, (fourth row) Christine McCann Hamner '97, Keith Liljegren '97, Charles Seilheimer '98, Tyler Lifton '98, Brandon Doyle '98, PJ Smith '98, Tim Gillespie '98, Caleb Clark '98, Brandon Mollett '98, Nathaniel Badder '98, Eric Hoffman '98, Ben Newman '99, and Amy Nichols '97.

for the past 10 years and living in De Bronx (actually Riverdale). I teach writing, history, and literature. Last volunteering I did was as a Little League coach. I've replayed the game we lost for the championship my last year of coaching too many times to admit. No retirement plans in sight. Published a book with Johns Hopkins called *Providence Tales and the Birth of American Literature*. Working now on a writing manual. The past is past, but still a gas!"
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Elliot Polebaum is a partner at Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson where he divides his time between the Washington, D.C., and Paris offices of the firm. His practice focuses on international litigation and arbitration. He and wife Gilda Brancato, also a lawyer, are adjunct professors of law at Georgetown Univ. Law School where Eliot teaches international commercial arbitration and Gilda teaches international human rights law. They have two children, Danielle (26) and David (23), live with two dogs in Bethesda, Md., and disagree on most political issues! ✳ A few years ago, many in our class helped endow the **Linda Reeves Pettit** '72 Memorial Scholarship. In answer to the "Does my money really help?" question, I thought you might like to know that a young woman who is a sophomore from Scarborough, Maine, is attending Midd thanks to the LRP fund. A prospective environmental studies major who says she is "passionate about the environment," our student is also enthusiastic about foreign languages, international travel, and running cross country and track (she was one of seven Midd athletes to qualify for the NCAA Division III cross-country championships). Somehow, she found time to shuttle up to the Snow Bowl for afternoon skiing most days during January term, too! So, thanks to everyone who helps support Middlebury by "giving back." It's always good to know that, yes, our gifts do help.
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Everyone had a great time at our 35th reunion. **Jay Aronson** reports, "**Mary Farley**, **Marilyn Frison Hand**, and I can look forward to celebrating future Midd reunions with our '08 offspring. We can imagine that they will be the rowdy five-year class in Coffrin keeping their elders awake in the Château. I was noting that **David Prescott** and his mother share their reunion year. **Peter Hamlin** and **Chris Robbins** gave us a fine glimpse of part of the Trail around Middlebury, leaving from the Center for Fine Arts and traveling over behind Middlebury Union High School. We all restrained ourselves from joining the children jumping from the bridge into Otter Creek." ✳ Yours truly (Deborah) has been working on a play called *Something Happened in 1973*, which received staged readings at Pulse Ensemble Theatre (NYC), Rhythm Color Associates (NYC), and the Great Plains Theatre Conference (Omaha). Currently, I'm teaching English composition and related subjects at the Art Institute of NYC, and doing board work for the Princeton Research Forum and Jennifer Muller and the Works Dance Company. ✳ **Rob Ensign** was recently featured in the *Brattleboro* (Vt.) *Reformer* as the director of the North American Family Institute, a private, nonprofit foster care agency. He's responsible for managing the staff, working with the state, training foster parents, and making sure the children get the help and homes they need. Rob lived in Oregon for 30 years and returned to the East to be near family. ✳ Always interested in cars, **Lynne Robertson** and husband Don Slate have a thriving salvage yard and auto parts business, A-1 Auto Recyclers, in Columbia, Mo. All three of their sons are part of the business now. Son Kiffer's main jobs include selling parts in the shop and bidding for cars at local auctions and online. Son Erin's main job is to move vehicles around the lot and serve as special projects manager. Son Chad works mainly at their second facility in Fulton and is general manager of the warehouse. ✳ Welcome to **Andrea Thorne**, who has agreed to help out as a class correspondent. You can contact her at the address below.
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In Las Vegas, Nev., **Susan Knoll** recently coordinated the 6th Annual Drive Fore Literacy Golf Tournament with Mayor Oscar Goodman for the Newspapers In Education program of the *Las Vegas Review-Journal*. As manager of the NIE program, she was able to convince Dunkin' Donuts to be the presenting sponsor. The next morning she flew back east for her induction into the Morris Hills Regional District Hall of Fame for Teaching. Her 30-year teaching career was honored at a dinner in Rockaway, N.J. Susan was both the first regular classroom teacher inducted and the first woman. She was honored primarily for creating the district psychology program, including Advanced Placement Psychology. She had previously been honored as Teacher of the Year in 1987 and 1997 and received a Citation for Outstanding Teaching from Boston Univ. in 2000. "My husband of almost 28 years, Ray, and I have been living in Vegas for four years since retirement from teaching. I did not expect to work full time again but this position seemed to find me and has allowed me to stay in touch with schools and curriculum and learn the newspaper business. It's a challenging position as I had to learn fund-raising and the impact of conversion from print editions to online versions. Being in Vegas has allowed us to travel the West Coast and get close to my goal of seeing all 50 states. After this summer I will have one left—Alaska. Son David (who stayed in New Jersey) will be getting married in May 2009, so there will be lots of trips back east ahead." ✳ In July **Chris** and **Michaela Pontoppidan Granstrom** held the grand opening of their new venture, Lincoln Peak Winery, in New Haven, Vt. Their wines include Cove Road, a dry red wine made predominantly from the Marquette grape; Cloud Mountain, an off-dry, Riesling-style wine made from the Lacrescent grape; Starlight, an off-dry rosé; Black Sparrow, a dry white wine; and Nightfires, a true ice wine. They welcome visitors to their cozy tasting room on the River Road. Lincoln Peak Vineyard is part of a well-established family farm. Chris and Michaela grew strawberries there for 24 years before planting grapes. The farmers before them grew wheat, corn, and apples. "We're often reminded of the people who lived here before us as we work the land, turning up arrowheads, horseshoes, and bits of old tools. We've taken our turn clearing stones from these fields and adding to the stone walls. Through our careful and sustainable farming methods, we will leave this land healthy and productive for those who come next." Chris and the crew built the farm buildings. Most of the wood in the tasting room is butternut from trees that grew on the property. The beautiful bar top comes from planks sawed out of a single hickory tree that grew in their woods. The name, Lincoln Peak, comes from the mountain they can see from the vineyard along the ridgeline of the Green Mountains to the east. ✳ **Mildred Reese McNeill** was recently appointed the Univ. of Hartford senior director of communication. She joined the university 17 months ago and was the director of marketing communication. Previously she worked at the United Way in Hartford as director of marketing and communication. At one point she spent 13 years at WVIT-TV (NBC), where she became the first black female television news director in the country and was appointed VP, news and public affairs. ✳ Moving from Brookline, Mass., to Hancock, N.H., two years ago, **Jody Hill Simpson**, the former conductor of the renowned Boston children's chorus PALS, started a women's group called the Norway Pond Festival Singers that had a successful debut last February. Recently she launched a new spring and winter concert series to spotlight talented young artists. She and husband Rick are enjoying small-town life. ✳ Heading up New Mexico's biggest residential real estate company, Coldwell Banker Legacy, **Peter Parnegg** was named Realtor of the Year by the Greater Albuquerque Association of Realtors.
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Send us your news! We'd love to hear from you and so would your classmates.
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Tina Geiser writes, "I'm a prosecutor working at the Dallas County District Attorney's Office, specializing in handling cases involving defendants with competency and mental health issues, the first program of its kind in Texas. I've got a 24-year-old daughter about to move to NYC to be a dancer, a 20-year-old daughter still in college, and a 14-year-old son wearing me out at home. With regard to other Middlebury grads, I periodically see Roger '75 and **Lucy Call King** and our get-togethers usually involve food and a movie. I'm also still best friends with my Midd roommate, **Paula Lustig Israel**, and we had the chance to be roommates again for a week when we had a reunion in a small town called Puerto Moreles in Mexico." ✳ In June **William Kelly** moved from Bethesda, Md., to join the Northern Maine Medical Center in Fort Kent. As an oncologist/hematologist, he hopes to be a liaison between the people of remote Aroostook County and the complex, intimidating, and rapidly changing world of modern cancer treatment. Previously he served as medical director, oncology and infusion services, for St. Mary's Hospital in Leonardtown, Md. He also provided

consultative work for Washington Cancer Institute and Yater Medical Group, both in D.C.
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77 Crisp Thinking, the online child protection specialist, announced recently that **Myril Shaw** had been hired as VP of business development. With more than 25 years of experience in sales and business development, he previously was managing director of international sales with Adtron. ✳ Named president of Summit Business Media in September 2007, **Andrew Goodenough** was recently also named CEO of the company. Summit was formed in 2006, acquiring Highline Media, a company Andy launched in 2003. Andy has been a senior B2B executive and entrepreneur for more than 30 years. ✳ The Cape & Islands Renewable Energy Collaborative (CIRenew) presented a forum this past summer with **Dean Corren** describing his experiences leading the world's first grid-connected demonstration of low-impact tidal energy technology. Still with Verdant Power, he continues to play key roles in the Roosevelt Island Tidal Energy project monitoring the East River kinetic hydropower devices in NYC. CIRenew is looking into local tidal energy projects as well.
—Class Correspondent: *Bob Lindberg (rcl@linrip.com).*

78 **Phyllis Wendell Mackey** reports: Since the summer magazine was in production at the beginning of June, this is the first issue since our class had a fabulous turnout for our 30th reunion (over 21 percent of the class); and from all reports everyone had a great time, including enjoying a wonderful brunch at the Middlebury Inn hosted by our classmate **Peter Ross**—thanks Peter! There seemed to be a consensus that we really do have a very special class. We're already looking forward to the 35th reunion. ✳ Congratulations to classmate **Paul Rudenberg** for being honored with a Middlebury Alumni Achievement Award for his humanitarian work in Haiti. Many thanks to **Tom Davis** for organizing the wonderful music our talented classmates delivered Friday evening in the Grille (what we knew as McCullough gym). Congratulations and thanks, too, to **Susie Patterson Nichols** for being named president of the Middlebury College Alumni Association. Many thanks to class gift co-chairs **Mike Abend** and **Anne Noble** and the gift committee. We exceeded our $2 million class goal and contributed to reaching the 60 percent College participation goal, which gave the College an additional $1 million from an anonymous incentive grant donor. A special thanks also to **Betsy Bradley Coughlan** who was a joy to work with as social co-chair. A few people had suggestions for the next reunion, which have been noted and passed on. If anyone has additional suggestions or comments, please send them to me at phylmackey@hotmail.com. ✳ **Charlie Kronick** writes, "I'm living in London, where I've been for most of the past 21 years or so. My partner is from the UK and our two kids, Isaac (16) and Tilly (13), are dual nationals, dual culturals, and equally divided in their allegiances—he loves all things American and she's an English Rose. After a brief detour to New York and a historical bibliography (I used to do a bit of freelance catalogue writing for Sotheby's rare book sales back in the day), I've spent most of the past 20 years working in the areas of global environment and development. I started out as a boat driver and climber for Greenpeace, and after all this time, with a few detours and side trips, I'm back there working on climate change, forestry issues, and energy policy." Charlie can be reached at charlie.kronick@dsl.pipex.com. ✳ **Walter Burrier** lives in California writing asylum law briefs and motions and doing translations. He was sorry to miss reunion. "I really wanted to be there, in no small part because my former roommate, Paul Rudenberg, was recognized for the wonderful work he has done in Haiti. He deserves the praise." Walter continues to train and run road races. He can be reached at: wburrieresq@yahoo.com. ✳ **Janet Behnken Rawlings** writes, "**Christy Klein** and I couldn't make it to reunion but we had our own mini-version here in Wales. Christy and her husband Mark walked the Offa's Dyke long-distance footpath that roughly follows the border between England and Wales. (Well, borders have shifted a bit since King Offa built the dyke 1200 years ago!) The southern end of the path is here in Chepstow so they ended their 12-day, 177-mile hike on our doorstep. We crammed 30 years of catching up into two days and had a lovely time." See their photo on page 73 of the Celebrations pages. ✳ From **Debby Kittay-Parker** we heard, "I am finally pursuing my goal of obtaining my social work degree and will graduate from NYU next May. I love my current work in a psychiatric hospital. Sorry I couldn't be at reunion!" ✳ In May the Council for Entrepreneurial Development (CED) announced that **Joan Siefert Rose** had been named the president. A CED board member for four years, she has been working as the general manager of WUNC-FM, part of North Carolina public radio. In her new position at CED, a nonprofit that is the country's largest support group for entrepreneurs, she hopes to expand its footprint, reinforce its value in the community, and help it grow. ✳ In Cairo, Egypt, **Elizabeth Warfield** is the office director for human resources and health at USAID.
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Author and explorer **Ian Baker** was a speaker at the Rancho Santa Fe Literary Society's luncheon series this past spring, discussing his book *The Heart of the World: A Journey to Tibet's Lost Paradise.* Dividing his time between Thailand; Kathmandu, Nepal, where he has lived more than 20 years; and New York, Ian was named by the National Geographic Society as one of its six "Explorers for the Millennium." Since his 1998 journey to Tibet's Tsangpo Gorge, he has led two more *National Geographic* expeditions into an area further south controlled by India and is still looking for a more accessible gateway into the legendary sanctuary he found in 1998.
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80 In July in celebration of her 50th birthday, **Julie Stabler Hull** climbed Mt. Rainier as part of Climb to Fight Breast Cancer, a fund-raiser for the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center. Daughter Maggie (16) climbed with her. ✳ Living in St. Johnsbury, Vt., **Lauren Geiger Moye** was promoted to senior associate at Demont & Associates, a full-service fund-raising consulting firm. Her responsibilities include serving clients in the areas of feasibility studies, capital campaigns, grant writing, volunteer training, marketing, and public relations. She is also a Certified Fund-raising Executive. Husband **Richard Moye** is a professor at Lyndon State College. ✳ In July it was announced that Clean Harbors, a provider of environmental and hazardous waste management services, named **Simon Gerlin** the senior VP of finance. Previously he worked 17 years at PriceWaterhouseCoopers, achieving the position of audit partner in 1999. ✳ In other business news, **Jim Alla** was named senior VP of sales and business development at PermissionTV, a leading online video platform provider. With more than 25 years of experience in sales at media and online businesses, he previously was VP and general manager of media, entertainment, and communications at FAST Search and Transfer, a Microsoft subsidiary. ✳ Sadly, we must report the death of **Tom Hirsch** on April 12, 2008, after a break-in at his home in Quito, Ecuador, where he was teaching English. The class sends its sympathy to his family and friends.
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81 After serving as assistant superintendent of the Orange Southwest (Vt.) Supervisory Union, **Bob Rosane** recently signed on as the superintendent of the Franklin Central Supervisory Union based in St. Albans, Vt. With a master's in education from Vermont College, he has also served as principal of two other schools in Vermont, State Street School in Windsor and Brookfield School. He's currently enrolled in a doctorate program at UVM.
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82 Dena and **Keith O'Hara** were joined by friends and family in June as they proudly celebrated the occasion of their eldest, Rachel, receiving her degree in philosophy from Bates. ✳ **Meryl Soto-Schwartz** writes, "My son graduated from first grade—and his grandparents sent him a check to honor this achievement, which I found a bit much, but it gives Eli (7) another reason to prefer his grandparents to his mean, cheap parents. I'm currently co-chair of the English department at the Ohio community college where I've been teaching for 13 years. Chairing comes with no prestige and no perks, financial or otherwise, but does provide a ton of extra work, meetings, politics, and stress. As a result, I've had to move up cocktail hour. On the plus side, I've learned quite a bit about wine in the last year. Though a Manhattan native, after graduate school in Wisconsin and living in Ohio, I've become such a Midwesterner that I even vacation in the Midwest and tried a subscription to *Midwest Living.* The latter was a mistake; the recipes were often frightening. Despite the Midwestern immersion, I've managed to hold onto my sarcastic sense of

humor, rapid speech, and command of Yiddish expressions. Otherwise, I'm battling middle age with obsessively nutritional culinary experiments and a rigorous exercise program, and I hope by this time next year to have arms to rival Serena Williams. I expect then to have better success with my attempts to curb plagiarism as head of my college's Academic Integrity Task Force. I can be reached at mschwartz9941@sbcglobal.net." ✷ **Chris King** sent the following news: "This past January I joined an independent investment and financial counseling firm called the Renaissance Investment Group as a senior investment counselor. This move was made after 10 years with TD Banknorth Wealth Management and 14 years at Merrill Lynch Asset Management. Yes, it has been a momentous and challenging period in our lives, compounded with market forces, some of which have been helpful, and others not so helpful. But it's working out well enough and was done for the right reasons. I'm also pleased to continue to work in Pittsfield, Mass., and to raise our kids, Ella (9) and Andrew (5), with wife Carolyn in Lenox, Mass." ✷ After 15 years of service to Middlebury College, **Leroy Nesbitt** left his position of senior adviser for institutional diversity at the end of June to continue his work in Washington, D.C., in representing nonprofit organizations, working on college access issues, and devoting energy to K-16 education. ✷ With a doctorate in plant breeding from Cornell Univ., **Heidi Kuehnle**'s expertise is being sought more and more as the push to find plant-based alternatives to fossil fuels increases. Taking a leave from her job as professor of horticulture at the Univ. of Hawaii, she is focusing her attention on her biotech company, Kuehnle AgroSystems, which custom designs plants to maximize their potential or key in on specific traits. Seeking venture capital, she is trying to take the company from being research-based to being commercially competitive. ✷ **David Rogers** has embarked on a second career as a spotter for the IndyCar Series. Even though he was encouraged to race cars when he was younger, he instead opened Dallas Sight and Sound. Now that his business is established, he has returned to the world of racing and spotted this season for driver Enrique Bernoldi. His job was to be the eyes in the sky for Bernoldi and to tell him what was happening on the track.

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Still in Barre, Vt., **Karen Heath** and **Chris Howe** celebrated 21 years of marriage this summer. Karen has spent 25 years as an educator, having taught everything from preschool through high school, and she now serves as the literacy specialist for the school district. Children Ian (b. 1989), Sarah (b. 1991), and Lucas (b. 1995) are growing up fast. ✷ Living in Salt Lake City for 24 years, **Daphne Perry** has been working for 14 years as a physical therapist in the Intermountain Burn Center that serves five states. She raced bikes for eight years—first mountain bikes, then road bikes—and did well in the nationals, ultimately becoming national champion one year for the road race and the time trial. Almost three years ago she married Bill Kushner in their backyard and last November they welcomed daughter McKenzie. She loves being a mom! ✷ **Marc Lapin** is currently on faculty at Midd in the environmental studies program and continues his long-standing work as a consulting conservation ecologist. ✷ Defying middle age, **Steve Genereaux** has been competing in endurance trail running events and managed to finish a 50-mile race in 13 hours last summer. This past January he, **Peter Conard**, **David Hosbein**, **Michael Lyons**, and **Paul Denison** skied Little Cottonwood Canyon, Utah. They expected to shred the slopes of Alta and Snowbird and rekindle memories from post-Midd trips in the '80s. ✷ **Doug** and **Katherine Brown Tegen** are still living in Manhattan with their two children. Katherine enjoys publishing children's books at HarperCollins and Doug has started his own financial boutique, StoneRidge Advisors. ✷ Living in Bernardsville, N.J., **Pam Kapsimalis Parsells** still practices law and is in the same law firm as husband George. They have two kids, daughter Christina and son George, and just had a new family member join them—a yellow lab named Belle! ✷ **Bruce Chase** and wife Heather live on a farm in Chester, Vt., with fourteen chickens, six sheep, two dogs, and a turtle—as well as four children, aged 8–15. He teaches Spanish, coaches soccer, directs admissions, drives a bus, and does anything else needed at Compass School in Westminster, Vt., where two of his kids go. He's also pursuing his principal's certificate through the Principals Residency Network. "All this seems a far cry from the advertising world, but no one ever ran up to give me a hug in corporate!" He adds, "My wife is my constant inspiration with her corporate lactation consulting business. She continues to shift an important paradigm in the corporate world, helping women back to work! Other than this fast moving adventure, we managed to have a great garden last year!" ✷ **Rick Abrahamson** writes, "I'm married with two great kids, ages 14 and 9. I'm an ophthalmologist and asst. professor at the Univ. of Cincinnati and chairman of the dept. at Jewish Hospital. We do a lot of traveling, including going on yearly family ski trips to Deer Valley, where I ran into **Karey Dubiel Dye** (of all people) two years in a row!" ✷ **Laurel Dickey** has been working in elementary education for the past 21 years, first as a primary level classroom teacher (first and second grades) and then in the Reading Recovery program. She trains teachers in the most effective ways to teach first-graders experiencing difficulty with learning about reading and writing, as well as providing general educational consulting services in the area of early literacy. "My husband, Richard Weinberg, and I also owned a small educational publishing business for 10 years and just sold our part of the company to our business partners last fall. The company, Pioneer Valley Educational Press, publishes reading and teacher resource materials for beginning readers. I was one of the two principal authors, having written over 35 books published by the company. We thought that selling the business would give us some of the breathing room that we had been lacking—we seemed to birth the company and our two sons, Zachary (11) and Nate (8), during the same years—but somehow we are as busy as ever with work, singing in a multigenerational chorus, participating in community theater, coaching and cheering in the local youth soccer and baseball leagues, taking family ski trips whenever possible, volunteering on various committees and projects at our sons' school, and renovating/expanding the family cottage in northern Maine. Several of us who lived together during sophomore year in Atwater North still visit with each other regularly. My family gets together with the family of **Susan Cassidy** quite often, including family ski trips to Canada together for the past several years. **Steve Wishengrad** has recently started his own company in the computer field and lives with his family in southern New Hampshire. **Meg Nolan Gerritsen** lives with her family in northern Maine, where she owns and operates Wood Prairie Farm, producers of mail-order organic products. I also see **Helen Wheelock**, **Linda Taylor Trumble**, **Hugh Montgomery**, and **Doug Ashford** from time to time." ✷ In Oakland, Calif., **Idabelle Fosse** lives with her husband (a chef) and two dogs. She works at Safe Passages in the areas of policy development, communication and advocacy, strategy implementation and evaluation, resource development, and technical assistance. "We work to provide leadership in the creation of a system of care for children who have been exposed to community and domestic violence in Alameda County. I am also on the Mental Health Services Act Planning Panel to help strategize on what to do with the County's Prevention and Early Intervention funding for mental health services. I got my MSW in 2002 at USC School of Social Work." ✷ **Beth Gazley** spent 16 years in nonprofit management and consulting before returning to school to pursue a doctorate in public administration at the Univ. of Georgia. She now teaches at Indiana Univ. in the School of Public and Environmental Affairs. Husband Carl Weinberg is a historian. They have two children, Kevin (15) and Anna (12), and a cat, a dog, a gecko, and a python to complete the family unit. They still return to Vermont every summer to visit grandparents. ✷ **Roy Giarrusso** checked in: "I went straight to law school after graduating and married my wife Kristen in 1985. She worked to get me through law school and then I worked to put her through business school. As young associates, we worked hard for seven years, then started a family that consists of Emmy (16), Tim (13), and Harry (12). I started my own firm in 1993, continuing to specialize in environmental litigation. I'm actually using my Middlebury degree in environmental studies and biology! I have three partners and we have five associates in our 'boutique' trial firm. My wife is a partner with Brown Brothers Harriman. We live in Hingham, Mass. (where I grew up), where I play a lot of tennis and golf (no more contact sports), fish, and coach my three kids in lacrosse (now almost year-round)." ✷ **Dan Higgins** reported that all was good in the Higgins household, which is full of teenagers. "My wife Debbie and I are crushed that Kelly (18) is out of the house and up at St. Mike's. Danny (17), Katie (16), Brian (14), and Erin (12) are still at home wreaking their usual chaos! We still live in Milton, Mass., and really enjoy the community—and my 25th reunion at Midd coincided with my 25th anniversary at CIGNA." ✷ **Lisa Danforth Hurst** has been living in Greenwich, Conn., since 1991. Husband Doug works in NYC, and they have kids Spencer (17), Parker (16), and Lizzie (12), plus yellow labs, Middy and Dukie. The boys attend Brunswick School, Lizzie attends Greenwich Academy, and all three children play squash and lacrosse. "My days are consumed with the 'everything' of motherhood and various volunteer commitments, including organizing the girls town lacrosse program for Greenwich Youth

Lacrosse. We spend the summers on Cape Cod where we sail, play tennis, go boating, and spend time with cousins. Life is moving so quickly now! I wish I could stop the clock. Hope all my classmates are well. I'm sorry I couldn't be at our 25th!" ✳ Living in Princeton, N.J., **Keli McMenamy-Lynch** has two children at Colorado College, Meaghan (21) and Michael (18), two in high school, Molly (17) and Patrick (14), and one in second grade, Atticus. Husband Larry is still at PriceWaterhouseCoopers in Philadelphia and New York and she still enjoys the art of motherhood.

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Don't forget that our 25th reunion is coming up, next June 5–7! We hope to see you all on campus! ✳ **David Caudle** writes, "My play, *The Sunken Living Room*, was just published by Samuel French after some awards and two hit coproductions in Miami and New Orleans. (Look for it at samuelfrench.com or amazon.com.) The first production was cast and ready to go into rehearsal at the Southern Rep in New Orleans when Katrina hit. A year and a half later, it actually did open in New Orleans. I was amazed at the resilience of the people there, while horrified at the vast ghost town that still exists! Another new play, *Likeness*, premiered last fall at Miami's New Theatre and had a reading in NYC in July with a great cast. I'm developing new work as a member of the Dorothy Strelsin New American Writers Group at Primary Stages, where I've also been teaching playwriting. My newest play is called *The Second House* and deals with two strangers that meet on a beach and discover they're not only both Midd alumni, but both lived in the same turret room on the third floor of the Château fifteen years apart! Romance and tragedy ensue, of course." ✳ In Newfields, N.H., **Dennis Boyle** works for Siemens as a director of sales within the medical division and recently received his second master's in business education and development from Southern New Hampshire Univ. He and wife Elizabeth have three kids—Meredith (16), Maggie (6), and Charlie (4). He still loves golf and enjoys something called a "three handicap" and also can be seen mountain biking and skiing. ✳ **Pete Wlodkowski** lives in Carlsbad, Calif., in North San Diego County with wife Leigh Ann and son Lawson (7). "It was a big thrill in June to attend the U.S. Open for four days, and while Tiger's performance was phenomenal, it was hard not to pull for Rocco." Pete is still running the company he founded eight years ago, www.amateurgolf.com. "Not exactly MySpace but it's the longest I've ever had one job and I still love it every day." ✳ Working at St. John's Prep School in Danvers, Mass., **Jeff Connolly** is relatively close-lipped about his doings, but noted that several football alums were planning to gather for the October 4 football game at Middlebury. ✳ **Rick Peterson** sounds very content with his family of five—wife Phoebe Twichell Peterson '86 and three kids ages 11, 13, and 16. He's particularly thankful that daughter Cara "with her strong maternal instincts" came before the two boys, Steven and Tommy. Following business school at UCLA, Rick has been working in the family real estate business as CFO and as head of the company's asset/property management group. He's also involved in an interesting and growing stream restoration business and has spent much of his time as chairman of a growing nonprofit group called Gleaning for the World. "We take surplus supplies from U.S. corporate manufacturers and provide professional logistical practices to allow them to be recycled to third-world humanitarian aid groups at the lowest possible cost (top ranked in efficiency by *Forbes* magazine)." Rick can also be seen in the annual Goodfellas Golf Tournament, which was begun by a dozen other fellow Midd '84 grads. ✳ A large group of classmates attended this year's NCAA lacrosse finals in Boston. **Jason Bacon** (Barnes, England) eked out the "long-distance" award ahead of **Buck Dominick** and his two boys (Denver, Colo.), but this did not impress **Larry** "Lobster" **Goldstein**, who brought his three yoots from their hometown of "nowhere near an airport," Indiana. Also making the weekend was **Bill Hathaway**, taking a break from fixing hearts in Asheville, N.C., with son Will, and **Mark Ray**, still hailing from Shelburne, Vt. **Marty Lanigan**, with wife Karen and two kids, took a mezzanine-finance time-out. **Paul** and Kate Wallace '86 **Perrotta** and their three girls made the scene. In accordance with past practice, Paul's team was called on to rescue **Andrew Zehner** and son Harry, who wanted to be at the tailgate party, but instead were in need of roadside assistance after their station wagon turned into a smoking hulk only two miles from Gillette Stadium. ✳ **Sally Burke McNamara** lives with husband Michael '82 and four kids in Wellesley, Mass., and is somewhat shocked and mind-boggled that her oldest, Annie, started at Bowdoin this fall. She has two other daughters, Megan and Molly, and son Patrick (12), and the family spends "a lot of time in rinks and on fields, which we really enjoy. All in all, life has been very good." ✳ **Cecil Marlowe** reported in from Cleveland Heights, Ohio, where she works as counsel to Lubrizol, supporting the litigation group. Life is very good, blessed, and busy with three kids (16, 14, and 10); two girls in high school this year and Sam in fifth grade. Staying in touch with classmates, Cecil had dinner with **Tom** and **Martha Keenan Baldwin**, **Tom Steinle**, **Toby Daley**, and **Brian O'Sullivan**. "Everyone is doing very well; Tom and Martha's oldest is going to Furman Univ. in South Carolina, and Toby and wife Alison ran in the Marine Corps marathon last fall. Sully, wife Susan, and their two kids are living in Marshfield, Mass." Cecil has been lured into a role on the 25th reunion gift committee, so she headed to Vermont in September for advance training on this dark art, as did your author (Andrew). ✳ **Steve Wright** was appointed managing director of sales at Amherst Securities Group and is based in their Greenwich, Conn., office. He previously worked at WaMu Capital Corp., where he was managing director of structured products and New York sales manager.

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Dean Jordan was in touch: "I did the academia thing for awhile after Midd—spent a semester in grad school for physics at SUNY Buffalo, before deciding THAT wasn't where I wanted to be. Got married, started an MS in forest ecology at Auburn, got divorced, finished the MS in 1989 and then headed west and got a Ph.D. at Wyoming in plant physiology in 1995. I met Lea there and she went with me to Nevada and we eventually got married about 10 years ago. I did a brief postdoc at UNLV that morphed into a project engineer then project director doing elevated CO_2 research on desert plants. I got tired of the Southern Nevada environment and decided to get back to the Rockies. We've been in Hamilton, Mont., since 1999. Son Ryan (4) is in a Montessori preschool—we've also got two dogs and a cat. We're pretty settled here, having put solar panels on the house last fall. I call myself a retired biologist—I'm doing computer consulting for a living now. I split my work time between the National Institute of Health research lab here in town and private business IT support. I've also started giving a little research advice to a biotech startup that is hoping to produce biodiesel from algae. It's all pretty recession-proof and it keeps me as busy as I want to be. Besides work, family, and the property, mountain biking and racquetball are my biggest time-sinks at the moment. We've got lots of space if anyone needs a place to rest while traversing western Montana. (We're about one hour south of Missoula.)" ✳ It's been almost seven years since **Peter Eglinton** moved from Washington, D.C., to Portland, Maine, with wife Stephanie and daughters Hannah (10) and Julie (7). He continues to do environmental policy work for Abt Associates, but telecommutes to Bethesda, Md., from the comfort of his home. Peter also serves as finance chairman on the Portland school board, to which he was elected in 2007. Any free time is spent with his family enjoying Maine or sailing with friends on Casco Bay. Feel free to look him up if you're ever in the area! ✳ From **Lissa Briggs Gosiger** we heard, "For my 45th birthday, four of my girlfriends from Midd came to Cincinnati—**Suzanne Poulin Rowan** (who lives in Damascus, Md., and is married with two kids), **Marcia Sullivan Kovalik** (who lives in Newfields, N.H., and is married with two kids), **Maureen Menikheim** (who lives in Minneapolis, Minn.), and **Karen Rockow Chalmers** (who married **John Chalmers**, lives in Eugene, Ore., and has three kids)—and we went to see Bruce Springsteen (who came to see me on my b'day, I'm sure!). Front row baby! We all wore Midd tees (apparently his son applied to Midd and we wanted to show him our school spirit!). We totally high-fived him, touched him, he sweated on us, and we had the biggest blast ever! (Okay, do I sound like a teenage girl?) The perfect birthday! Everyone looks better than they did even at Midd. We had a blast catching up and talking about life—so great to see everyone. It made me miss my Midd days big time. As for me, I have three kids, Pauley (13), Maggie (11), and Sam (9), am single, live in Cincinnati, and am looking forward to getting back in the working world part time in the fall, now that my kids are all in school full time."

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Working at the Sonoma County Repertory Theater, **Peter Downey** was a part of the Pulitzer Prize-winning play *Rabbit Hole* this past summer. ✳ In Minneapolis, Minn., **Michael Boardman** was named Central region president and Twin Cities market leader for the U.S. Bank Wealth

Management Group. With an MBA from Columbia Univ., he has held senior wealth management positions at U.S. Trust Company, Charles Schwab & Co., and Chase Manhattan Corp. An active part of the Twin Cities community, he is a member of the Minneapolis Institute of Art's board of directors and the Minneapolis Club's board of governors, serves as vice chairman of the Guthrie Theater Business Council, and is a member of the board of trustees of the Blake School. He also coaches youth hockey. ✳ **Buzz Boswell** had a busy month this past May. Not only did wife Polly give birth to their fourth child, but he started work as the new executive director for the Pentangle Council on the Arts in Woodstock, Vt. Previously, he was the executive director of the Lebanon (N.H.) Opera House. ✳ Profiled in the *Portland* (Ore.) *Business Journal*, **Penny Hamlet Serrurier** is a partner in the law firm Stoel Rives. She divides her professional time between work with tax-exempt organizations and helping individuals with estate planning and other personal planning goals. Very involved in the community, she serves as a trustee and board chair for the Oregon Zoo Foundation, a trustee with the Oregon Symphony Foundation, and as a member of the planned giving committee for Guide Dogs for the Blind.

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In June, Cornell University Press published *Taking Southeast Asia to Market: Commodities, Nature, and People in the Neoliberal Age*, a series of essays edited by **Joseph Nevins** and Nancy Lee Peluso. Joseph is associate professor of geography at Vassar College and is the author of *A Not-So-Distant Horror: Mass Violence in East Timor* among other books. ✳ **Marybeth Costello Chubb** works in Boston for the Mass. Dept. of Environmental Protection. She says, "I'm living in Plymouth, raising my beautiful, 17-month-old girl, Madigan." ✳ The Associated Press announced this past summer that **Nick Moore**, the online video manager in New York, had been named manager of entertainment operations and output. He'll direct operations across video, photo, and text to ensure a consistent editorial process. ✳ **Jeff Morrill** and wife Wendy were instrumental in ensuring that every sixth-grader at the St. Albans (Vt.) City School received a thesaurus this past spring as part of the Vermont Dictionary Project. They are well connected to the school system—Jeff has been on the school board for several years and Wendy is an avid volunteer as well as co-president of the parent-teacher organization—and they have been involved with the Dictionary Project for three years. The project also attempts to put dictionaries in the hands of third-graders in Vermont.

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Our thanks go to **JB Brainerd** for all his work as class correspondent. He's stepping down and **Beth Zogby** has agreed to be the new co-correspondent. Send her some news! ✳ **Dave Peak** sent news: After graduating, he moved to NYC to do banking then got his MBA from the Kellogg School at Northwestern. After a post-MBA stint performing management consulting in London, NYC, and San Francisco, he got heavily involved in startups on the West Coast—working for IT firm Sapient and eventually founding a dot.com during those crazy days. While in SF, Dave met and married Pamela Mahoney, who was responsible for Dave missing his Middlebury reunion. (Pam had her Wellesley reunion the same weekend.) Dave and Pam moved to Chicago five years ago where they enjoy a very full life living in the city with daughter Alexandra (2) and yellow lab Jake. In Chicago, Dave is CEO and cofounder of a venture-capital-backed enterprise software firm called LiquidTalk. The company, which has been featured in *InformationWeek* and *PC Magazine*, helps employers better engage staff by sending corporate audio and video content wirelessly to BlackBerries and other devices. In terms of other personal pursuits, Dave works on various nonprofit endeavors such as Mayor Daley's council of technology advisors and is founder of the Kellogg Entrepreneurs Alumni network on LinkedIn. Dave asks folks to reach out to him via LinkedIn to catch up on old times or e-mail him at dpeak@liquidtalk.com. ✳ In July **Karen Schmeichel** participated in a seminar entitled "Twenty-first Century Liberal Education: A Contested Concept" as part of Transylvania University's Bingham Program for Excellence in Teaching. She is an assistant professor of biology at Oglethorpe Univ. in Atlanta, Ga. ✳ In Florida, **Chris Storkerson**, VP and wealth strategist with Northern Trust, recently moved from the Delray Beach office to the Palm Beach office. With an MBA in finance from the Univ. of Southern California, he is a certified financial planner. ✳ **Nat Saltonstall** is back playing lacrosse with the South Coast Silver Sachems as part of an over-40 division of the Olde New England Lacrosse League in Massachusetts. He says, "It's great to be back. I feel like a kid again. The score seems to matter a little bit less. I can't say it doesn't matter at all. We still have pride." ✳ As senior VP and managing director of golf for Octagon Marketing, **Scott Seymour** manages more corporate golf investors than any other single marketing consultant. He was recently featured in *Street & Smith's SportsBusiness Journal*.

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Now living in Saco, Maine, **Delilah Poupore** led a public forum this past spring on ways that the public library in China, Maine, could better serve local needs. She also moderated a retreat for the board of trustees of the library. The cofounder of the Dialogue Consultants, she has experience in helping nonprofits create realistic plans. ✳ **Keith Pennell** has been serving on the Saddle River (N.J.) Board of Education since 2005 and has been president since 2006. He and wife Bonnie have four children in the school system—Caroline (12), Bailey (11), Lucy (9), and Davis (6). A managing partner of DFW Capital Partners, he just celebrated his 10th anniversary with the firm. He adds, "I'm planning on being at reunion for sure. Our six-year-old plays on a T-ball team with **Jay** and **Janelle Moburg Leonard**'s daughter. I recently spent a weekend in Pittsburgh with Dr. **Tom Gleason** and **Craig Anderson**, enjoying a bachelors' weekend of golf and tennis. I still see and stay in regular contact with a bunch of Midd folks, including **Jeff Somers**, **Rob Snow**, Tom Gleason, Craig and **Karen Lane Anderson**, Ted Trask '88, **John Mutterperl**, and **John** and **Caroline Orme Taylor** (who live nearby in Ridgewood)." ✳ Hope to see a lot of classmates on campus for reunion next June 5–7.

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Whitney Zimmerman and her family live in Denver and one of her many activities is volunteering in her kids' school, which includes coaching her eight-year-old daughter's soccer team. ✳ **Ed Roche** and wife Phyllis Stinson live in Washington, D.C., with their two daughters, ages 6 and 3. Ed works for USAID in the Office of Development Credit. He recently visited a program in Ghana that involves helping private elementary and junior high schools in poor, urban centers with access to credit. ✳ Living in San Francisco, **Peter Kellner** is a general contractor, remodeling high-end homes. In his "spare time" he's working on his second personal-home renovation. He's a neighbor of **Phelps Wood**, who is also working on a home-renovation project. ✳ **Elizabeth Toder** spent part of the summer working for NOLS in Alaska, co-leading a group of 15 students on a 30-day hiking expedition in the Talkeetna Mountain Range. ✳ Physician's Computer Company was featured in *Seven Days* recently as a highly successful developer of software for pediatricians. **Chip Hart**, who is the pediatric solutions manager, has been with the company 18 years. ✳ In an article of *Real Estate Portfolio*, **Karin Ford** was featured as one of "30 Women to Note." As a VP and equity research analyst at Key Bank, she is helping to build a real estate investment trust (REIT) team. With over 15 years of work with REITs, she spent five years focusing on them and real estate companies when she was at Bank of America Securities.

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Mariette Johnson Wharton writes, "After dreaming about it for a decade, we've finally moved west after nine years in the D.C. area! We've landed in the heart of Silicon Valley (Los Altos) and we love it although we miss our friends back east. Our sons are Dane (7.5) and Reid (5). I'm helping Scott with his start-up, Vidtel, a video telephone company (www.vidtel.com). Check out our family blog at www.whartonfamily.wordpress.com for pictures and posts!"

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Check out the Celebrations page 73 for a photo of **Miles Canfield** and Will Hovey '91 having a mini-reunion of sorts. ✳ Please send us your news! We'd love to hear what you're doing these days and so would your classmates!

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Maria Diaz reports: Our 15th class reunion was full of fun with familiar faces and some new young ones. **Laura LeClair Grace**, the new class co-correspondent, helped me maneuver the nonstop action. At Stewart's Lounge, **Jon Hanlon** showed me, Laura, **Lisa Horwitz**, **Art Levy**, **Ali Mehdi**, and **David J. Anderson** the Club Midd towel he and **Michelle D'Ambrose Paterniti** helped design as our class souvenir. After a delicious dinner Friday night, some people tucked in their beautiful babies and significant others, and went to town. At 51 Main Street, a bar lounge (formerly part of Skihaus) owned by the College, we caught up with **Kit Nichols**, **Ofelia Barrios**, **Eric Sevigny**, **Sonya Wing**, **Shawn Rae Passalacqua**, **Dylan Simonds**, **Bryan Clenahan**, and **LeeAnn Prescott** but after a few drinks we were off to Two Brothers (formerly Angela's). There we found **Josh Pepin**, **Mike Schwartz**, **Chris Brown**, **Emily Beattie**, **Peter Cross**, **David** "Flip" **Lippert**, **Rich Paterniti**, **Damon** "D" **Haynes**, **Topher Smith**, **Tev Levinson**, and **Brian Rickauer**. ✷ Kudos to those who got up on Saturday for an early tee time, lecture, or tour of the new library or the art center. **Dan Scheidt** and **Becky Chollet** also led some adventurous alumni on a very warm morning bike ride. They promised it would not be as hot at our 20th reunion. At Proctor, **Steve Prescott** told me how well he and his family are doing in Maine and that **Dexter Mahaffey** and his family have just moved back to Kentucky. **Bill** and **Amoreena Hartnett O'Bryon** told me they just returned from a yearlong trip to Italy. ✷ Alumni kept trickling in at various times during the weekend. Traffic and airline delays couldn't stop **Elissa Safer Deitch**, **Chip Muller**, **Karin Trujillo**, **Tonje Kilen Snow**, **Ali Flynn Phillips**, **Vendela Vida**, and **Sarah Stewart Taylor** from enjoying the weekend. Despite the heat on Saturday, many enjoyed a nice afternoon at Lake Dunmore, relaxed at lunch, or just enjoyed the campus. In the evening, **Jennifer Lewin** told us how she has relocated to Vermont and loves it. **Blakeley Murrell-Liland** is also living in the Green Mountain State not too far from her. **Schaunel Steinnagel** and her family are residing in Philadelphia. Laura Grace had a chance to chat with **Melissa Farrell Griswold** and **Christer** and **Jessica Anselment Wollmar**. At Mr. Ups, I finally caught up with **Jen Tolo Pierce**, **Sarah Swanz**, and **Heather Micati**. All in all, a great time and we hope to see even more faces at our 20th reunion. ✷ **Marc Pina** didn't have a chance to make it to reunion, but you can catch him on the HGTV show *Get It Sold* working his real estate magic in the D.C. area. ✷ **Kuni Chen** recently rejoined Bank of America as VP of metals and mining after working a short time at Hapoalim Securities as senior VP and research analyst. ✷ Quarles and Brady law firm recently announced that **Brian Howie** has joined the firm's national commercial litigation practice. With a degree from Washington and Lee Univ. School of Law, he specializes in the areas of commercial and antitrust litigation. ✷ And finally, thanks to **Dan Suratt** for all his help these years. Please welcome Laura Grace as she takes his place as class correspondent.

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Simon Lim, **Eugene Lee**, and Alex Koo '85 represented Middlebury College at the U.S. Discovery Education Fair in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, this past June. ✷ **Ben Curtis** is a professor at Seattle Univ., where he teaches history and politics. During the summers he leads tours in Central and Eastern Europe for *Rick Steves' Europe*. His first book, *Music Makes the Nation*, was just published. ✷ **Rob Merrill** and wife Carey welcomed son Lincoln David Merrill on June 25, 2007. He joined big sister Greta, born May 5, 2005. In August 2007, Rob left his job with msnbc.com in Washington, D.C., and took a position with the Associated Press in NYC, managing their online video production. NYC alums can get in touch at robertsmerrill@yahoo.com. ✷ **Christine Kennelly Nesbit** and husband K.G. are enjoying life in the Presidio Park in San Francisco with daughter Johannah and new baby boy Seamus. Christine has spent the past several years working as a facilitator on water issues in the Klamath River Basin and Lake Tahoe. She'd love to hear from fellow Midd Kids at christine@nesbit.net. ✷ **Jennifer Waaler Stock** writes, "I moved with my husband, two cats, and one horse from the suburbs of Chicago to Colorado Springs in June. Husband Greg is a professor in the business school at the Univ. of Colorado-Colorado Springs. I am going through the extensive paperwork to obtain my Colorado law license and had to suffer through my first summer in Colorado without a job, which left me spending my days riding my horse and preparing for upcoming marathons while getting used to the altitude and hills." ✷ On April 12 in Hangzhou, China, **Corey Tournet** married Jie Wang. The wedding took part in three stages—the first part was when the couple greeted each set of parents, at respective homes, and presented them with special wedding tea and soup; the second part took place in Man Long Gui Yu Park in Hangzhou and was the traditional ceremony; and the third part was the reception at the Hangzhou Radisson. Corey owns a Web-based business, The Laundry Alternative, and his wife is an economic reforms specialist for the Zhejiang Provincial Government.

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Once again, our e-mail inboxes have been inundated with news from the class of 1995. Please keep the updates coming to Emily and JP. ✷ We were saddened to learn of the untimely death of classmate **Jameson Thissell** on May 21. Many of you wrote in, remembering Jamey as very often the most mature one in the room, yet always in the middle of the fun. Jamey was quick with a smile and reassurance in the middle of a night-long review session. His fellow chemistry majors mourn the passing of a "member of the family." We will all continue to keep Jamey's wife, our classmate **Sarah Wyatt Thissell**, in our thoughts and prayers. ✷ We are also sorry to report the death of **Corie Jensen Perregaux** on April 16. Our sympathy is sent to her family and friends. ✷ It has been a large year for **Andrew Enright**, as he was married to Martha Schneider over Labor Day weekend 2007 in Dennis, Mass. Martha gave birth to son Sam William on June 2 in Cambridge, Mass., and Andy passed his architectural exams this past spring. They're enjoying Cambridge and having family and old friends nearby. ✷ Dan and **Danielle Berry Webb**, along with big brother Jeffrey (4), welcomed Katherine Elizabeth on November 11, 2007. ✷ **Hilary Achauer** and husband David W. Anderson '93 welcomed son Gabriel on June 4. They also have daughter Rosemary, who turned three in August. Hilary and Dave live in San Diego, where Hilary is a freelance writer and editor, specializing in fitness, travel, and health. ✷ **Ashley Lindell** writes, "We are well, living in Seattle. I'm working for Group Health Perm doing full spectrum family medicine with OB. Husband Matt is teaching history and English as a Second Language. Daughter Hannah just turned two, is quite a talker and is rather bossy. My mom lives with us and takes care of Hannah. I'd enjoy reconnecting if anyone's visiting Seattle: aclinde73@yahoo.com." ✷ **Jessica Latham Weidknecht** welcomed daughter Kate Asher on May 22. Kate joined big sister Sofia (3.5). Jess and Doc Weidknecht are still living in Denver where Jess works full time from home as an executive recruiter for Korn Ferry International. "If in Denver, please drop us a line at jessdocweidknecht @yahoo.com. We'd love to see anyone who is passing through." ✷ **Dan Haley** and wife Melissa welcomed their first child, Sylvie, last November. They live in Holliston, Mass., within three miles of Brendan '94 and **Trystan Phifer O'Leary**. Dan is a litigation and government-relations attorney with the Boston office of McDermott, Will & Emery. Wish him luck as he runs for the Mass. House of Representatives this fall—www.danhaley2008.com. ✷ Katherine Gates Linge arrived on March 29, joining sister Hope (3). **Betsy Traver Linge** and the girls moved to Pittsburgh this past spring, as her husband's job necessitated the relocation. Betsy will miss being so close to college roommate **Wendy Russell Tracy**. ✷ **Janine Zacharia** moved to Mountain View, Calif., September 1, for a year at Stanford Univ. on a Knight Fellowship for journalists. She's on leave from her job as *Bloomberg News*'s Washington-based diplomatic correspondent. ✷ Speaking of the D.C. metropolitan area, **Eli Hengst** and **Jared Rager** are opening another restaurant, this time in Bethesda, Md. Part of "Bethesda Row," Redwood Restaurant joins the already successful Sonoma Restaurant and Mendocino Grille and Wine Bar as part of Eli and Jared's business, the February Group. ✷ In a spring issue of *Forbes* magazine, **Hillary Beard Schafer** was part of a photo spread of women executives from top financial firms who were modeling trench coats. With an MBA from Columbia Univ., she is the executive director of institutional equities, UBS. ✷ In Massachusetts, **Steve O'Neill** was featured in *Worcester Magazine* this past spring as the director of EPOCA—Ex-Prisoners Organizing for Community Advancement. He's not an ex-prisoner himself but has always been interested in community organizing, working in that field for the Greater Boston Interfaith Organization and the Mass. Senior Action Council and studying community organization in El Salvador. Founded by Steve in 2004, EPOCA's primary issue right now is CORI (Criminal Offender Record Information) reform. ✷ Keep the news coming, as we all enjoy catching up through the pages of the magazine. Only two more years until our 15th!

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LANGUAGE SCHOOLS

Arabic

David Cross ('99, '04, '06), an assistant professor of Spanish at Charleston Southern Univ., co-taught an introductory class on Arabic language and culture during the past January interim at Wofford College in Spartanburg, S.C.

English

Peter Weddle (MA '78) led a workshop in June entitled "Optimizing the Candidate Experience: What We've Learned (the Hard Way) in the U.S.," a look at how American recruiters approach online recruitment. Peter has been the CEO of three HR consulting companies. ✷ This past spring **Daniel Picker** (MA '92) published his third poem, "Clothespin," in the annual edition of *RUNE*, MIT's journal of arts and letters. He was also invited to read his poetry at MIT. ✷ Last spring **Jon Holley** (MA '98) took over as the headmaster at the Master's School in West Simsbury, Conn. ✷ **Emory Campbell** ('02) has released a second edition of his book, *Gullah Cultural Legacies: A Synopsis of Gullah Traditions, Customary Beliefs, Art Forms and Speech on Hilton Head Island and Vicinal Sea Islands in South Carolina and Georgia.* ✷ After serving as athletic director at Salem High School, **Kim Kochanek** (MA '07) returned to school this fall at Boston Univ. to earn her Ph.D. in American Studies.

French

Maxine Atkins Smith (MA '50) was featured in the *Tri-State Defender* in a special report reflecting the impact of segregation in Memphis, Tenn., leading up to the events of 1968. After being sent to Middlebury for her master's when the Univ. of Tennessee refused to let her attend, and after being rejected in 1957 from attending Memphis State Univ., she joined the NAACP board and served as executive director from 1962–1995. ✷ A certified docent, **Anna Buskirk Lambros** (MA '64) led a tour of Middlebury alumni at the High Museum of Art in Atlanta, Ga. ✷ A professor at Université Sainte-Anne in Nova Scotia, **Christine Igot** (MA '90) was honored as the recipient of the 2007–2008 Excellence in Teaching Prize at the commencement ceremonies in May. ✷ After living in Oregon for two years following Hurricane Katrina, **Karen Reichard** (MA '92) has moved back to Louisiana to lead Loyola University's Women's Resource Center. ✷ **Brandon Crum** (MA '03) recently began a job teaching all levels of French in every grade at Atwater (Calif.) High School.

German

Leaving her post as Cornell University's provost, **Carolyn** "Biddy" **Martin** (MA '74) began her position as chancellor of the Univ. of Wisconsin at Madison in September.

Japanese

Douglas Brooks ('02) recently received a publishing grant administered by the Shelburne (Vt.) Art Center on behalf of the U.S.-Japan Foundation of NYC. It will enable him to write a book describing his many years of research in Japan working with Japanese boat builders, in particular providing detailed documentation of the ancient craft of traditional boat building. His book will represent the first publication on this subject outside of Japan.

Russian

Thomas Bird (MA '60) is the English language editor of the *English-Belarusian Dictionary* recently published in Minsk, Belarus, by the Belarusian Institute of Arts and Sciences. ✷ While working on her Ph.D. in world politics at Catholic Univ. of America, **Donna D'Aleo** ('02) coauthored a book entitled *From Soviet to Putin and Back* about the history of the oil and gas industry in the Soviet Union.

Spanish

A professor emeritus of modern languages at Capital Univ. in Columbus, Ohio, **Robert Hatton** (MA '59) had two articles published recently. "Louis Bromfield's Barn" appeared in the March/April issue of *GRIT,* and the Williams College *Alumni Review* carried "A Novel Life," an essay about author David Garth. ✷ Along with philanthropic endeavors and work with the Federal Energy Regulation Commission, **Edward Gingold** (MA '67) has been putting together events for the College in the D.C. area, including programs at the National Gallery of Art and the Holocaust Memorial Museum. ✷ The Univ. of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) honored **Belita Brooks Faki** (MA '86) as the UAB Outstanding Woman Faculty Member of 2008. She is a Ph.D. candidate and an instructor of Spanish and Italian. ✷ **Dianne Civello** (MA '90), director of development for major gifts at Canisius College in Buffalo, N.Y., received the college's 2008 George M. Martin Advancement Award for her initiative, creativity, and teamwork. ✷ After earning an MBA and Ph.D. from Arizona State Univ., **Daniel Smith** (MA '97) works for SCF Arizona, a workers' compensation insurance company. ✷ **Kathleen Westerhaus** (MA '99) recently became VP of resource development at Comunidades Latinas Unidas en Servicio in St. Paul, Minn. ✷ **Tara Allen** (MA '05) and **José Salazar** (MA '06) are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter Sofía Alanna on April 25. ✷ **Eleena de Lisser** (MA '06) has a bilingual blog and Spanish podcast called Voices en Español (www.spanish-podcast.com). ✷ **Nate Gravel** ('07) ran in the Madrid Marathon this past spring and was the first U.S. citizen to cross the finish line, placing 17th out of almost 8,000 runners.

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Katie Hubert Titus works at St. George's School in Newport, R.I., and is going into her third year as the dean of students. She lives on campus with husband Stuart and daughters Natalie (6) and Samantha (3). ✷ **Jack Peltz,** wife Gena, and daughter Grayce are living in Rochester, N.Y., where Jack just finished his first year in the clinical psychology doctoral program at the Univ. of Rochester. When time allows, Jack and Gena are busy trying to get their baby clothes business (www.graycielu.com) up and running. ✷ **Cathrine Prenot** was married to Jeff Fox in Southwest Colorado at McPhee Reservoir on June 21. Jeff and the groomsmen arrived by mountain bike, and the bridal party arrived to the ceremony by boat. ✷ **Allison Miller Rimland** has started a new private family therapy practice (www.thrivefamilyservices.com). Last summer brought baby Audrey (now a year old) to join big brother Grady (3.5). The Rimlands love living in Denver and playing regularly with **Pam Selover Lawrence** and her clan of four. ✷ **Chad Stern** and Caralyn Quigley were married on April 26 in a beautiful outdoor ceremony in Parsons Garden, on top of Queen Anne Hill in Seattle. The weekend was full of festivities attended by many Middlebury friends including **Dan Cantrell**, **Pete Dougherty**, **Amanda Gordon Fletcher**, **Bill Gowski**, **Ned** and **Eliza Burke Greene**, **Rob Lawrence**, **John Maycock**, **Josh Sobeck**, and **Josh Walker**. There was also a late-night reunion with **Kirby Winfield** at the Edgewater Hotel. Caralyn is director of marketing at CityVoter, a Web site that helps consumers find the best local businesses in their cities. (Fun fact: CityVoter was founded by classmate Josh Walker in 2005.) Chad is VP of Essex River Ventures, a real estate investment firm. The Sterns live in Boston. ✷ **Humberto Garcia-Sjogrim** announced the arrival of Oscar Everett Garcia-Ide on June 29. Delivered at 35 weeks, Oscar was not too happy about his sudden arrival, but big brothers Sandro and Diego were thrilled. Mom Lucie Ide '97 and baby both did very well. ✷ Endo Pharmaceuticals Holdings announced recently that **Blaine Davis** had been appointed VP, investor relations and corporate communications. Prior to joining Endo, he was director of alliance management within the corporate and business development unit at Bristol-Myers Squibb. ✷ Featured in *The Produce News*, **Martin Lachaine** has a flourishing produce business called Neworld Import/Export. In March 2007 he moved the business into a 50,000-square-foot location just a stone's throw from Montreal's wholesale market, the Marché Central.

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The Class of 1997 has much exciting news to report. Charlotte Reese Jacobs was born April 2 to Dave and **Karen Lewis Jacobs**. Karen owns and operates a children's boutique in Bel Air, Md., (just north of Baltimore) called Tiny Toes (www.shoptinytoes.com). Mom, Dad, and big brother Benjamin are all doing well! ✷ **Sebastien** and Melissa Stewart '99 **Bilodeau** report, "We just got our *Middlebury Magazine* and figured we'd write in that we had our second child in November 2007—a boy named Benjamin. Our daughter Brooke (3) is very happy to be a big sister. We're still enjoying life in Darien, Conn." ✷ **Jeff Rea** married Stephanie Crumb '00 on May 17 in Middlebury. Of the many Midd alums

who attended the wedding, Class of '97ers included **Laura Wright McCray**, **Amy Flanders Harris**, **Craig Stouffer**, **Dave Smith**, **Matt Ralston**, **Brian Hubbard**, **Jackie Pelton Hoglund**, **Andy Jessen**, and **Greg Carolan**. A fun time was had by all! ✳ Speaking of Greg, he finished his orthopedic surgery residency at UPenn last year and has been spending this year doing an arthroscopic and orthopedic sports fellowship in San Diego. Despite the fact that his time in sunny Southern California "has been a blast (with a healthy sprinkling of hard work)," he recently signed a contract and returned to the East Coast in September. ✳ And speaking of Jackie Hoglund, she and Brad welcomed daughter Eleanor Casey on June 28. Baby Ellie, Mom, and Dad are doing well and still enjoying life in Boston. Congrats to the Hoglunds! ✳ **Catherine Herrick** married Robby Levy '99 in her hometown of Cleveland, Ohio, on June 7. A ton of Midd grads were in attendance. From the Class of 1997, **Katie Lillich Hallowell** and **Elisabeth Wynn** were in the wedding party, and **Olivia Hooper Curry**, **J.B. MacKenzie**, **Zach Hallowell**, **Elizabeth Kennedy Zamorano**, **Adam** and **Laurie Higginbotham Duarte**, **Jocelyn Nill Beni**, and **Nick** and **Becky Cowgill Wilkoff** celebrated with the bride and groom. ✳ On June 14, **Nick Whitman** and Cara Shortsleeve were married in beautiful Edgartown, Mass. Making the trip to Martha's Vineyard were **Evan Alexander**, **Matt Fritz**, **Dates Fryberger**, **Amy DiAdamo Foster**, **Whitney Parks Berns**, and **Keith** and **Maggie Bittinger Liljegren**. ✳ Operating Parent Studios since 2003, **Annalisa Parent** was selected by the Vermont Professional Photographers' Association as Most Promising Newcomer at their annual convention. She was also awarded the Creativity Plus plaque, given to the image-maker displaying the most creativity in any category at the discretion of the judges, for her print "Boston in the Rain." All of her prints entered in this year's photo competition earned a ribbon and the honor of being hung in the print gallery at the convention. You can see her work at www.parentstudios.com. ✳ We send our condolences to **Christopher Tsai** on the death of his father, Gerald, on July 9. ✳ Charlestown, R.I., was the site of a mini-Middlebury reunion in June. Kate Pinto Smith '98 and husband Mike hosted Jon and **Catherine Mitchell Wieman**, **Alison Penzine O'Donnell**, Jeremy and **Amy Smith Johnson**, Tom and **Leslie Graham Murphy**, and Ray and **Helen Froelich Plummer** for a long weekend. ✳ **Sara Hasan Nagy** reports that she and Jason welcomed Maya Serene Nagy on March 6, 2007. Maya and older brother Aiden are really enjoying each other. "One of the best sights to see is the kids playing their harmonicas, whistles, and drums!" ✳ Please keep sending us your news!

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Last year **Mark Bisanzo** (an ER trauma specialist at UConn) was awarded the UConn Teaching Award as the number one teaching professor at the medical school. He has also gone to Uganda as a Catholic missionary doctor on five different occasions. Last year he raised $75,000 to build an ER room at the remote hospital where he volunteers and this year on April 27 he ran the Big Sur Marathon and raised $10,000 for medical supplies. He has just founded a nonprofit organization, Global Emergency Care Collaborative, to help the needy in Uganda. ✳ **Heather Corkadel Skinner** reports, "Quinn Cannon Skinner was born on September 6, 2007—exactly as big brother Brodie predicted! I'm still coaching the youngsters skiing, and Brodie is already skiing black diamonds at age three!" ✳ **Tetyana Bisyk Denford** sent an update: "My husband Tom (a Brit ad exec who's teaching me how to drink Guinness) and I live in London, and I'm working in international production at Universal Pictures. When we're not in the city, we're out sailing and taking a break from the chaos—or, funny enough, skiing at Sugarbush, which has become a yearly winter tradition for us. (I have to stick to my Midd roots somehow!) I've Facebooked some Midd Kids like **Catherine Wright** and **Karu Kozuma** and it feels nice to check in and see everyone doing well. And for anyone who wants to take a peek into my crazy world, I also have a blog at www.missustd.blogspot.com." ✳ **Mark Weinberg** writes, "It's been a busy year out in Zimbabwe as events here spin out of control. One highlight was getting to tangentially help fellow Midd Kids in the band Dispatch with their concert to raise funds for Zimbabwe. The other big news is the arrival of a new family member—Erica and I welcomed Nicholas on January 27 in Cape Town, South Africa." ✳ Adopting a Silicon Valley mentality, **Enrique Gonzalez** has built his company, IPVG Corp., into the most diverse information and communications technology company in the Philippines. Publicly listed, IPVG owns three major businesses and has operations in Hong Kong, India, Vietnam, Singapore, the U.S., and the United Kingdom.

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Samantha Webb Kading is back in California with husband Matt '98 and son Atlas, born July 26, 2007. "We've had fun with **Sarah Waybright Barr** and were sad to see **Deana Becker** go. Life is good in the East Bay, and the California Bar is definitely on hold for awhile!" ✳ **Gabe Davis** and **Justine Kwiatkowski** had an impromptu Middlebury reunion at the DMV in NYC in early July. Justine was applying for a bus operator's license, and Gabe was changing his address. ✳ **Erich Osterberg** returned triumphant from Denali with some really old ice cores and now is off to South America to continue his ice cube adventures. ✳ **Geoff Silvius** remains the voice of sports radio in the hot and arid deserts of Northern California. ✳ **Joe Kraft** has hosted the newly minted Secret Service agent **AJ Husband** at his place in suburban D.C. several times in the past few months. AJ is still a Nintendo/Playstation/Sega savant, and Krafty evidently was held scoreless in their latest virtual gridiron adventures. ✳ **Jeff Sengle** also continues as a Secret Service agent and is a role model to the aforementioned AJ Husband. See the feature about Jeff on page 26. ✳ **Jeff Trail** is still selling the best dialysis grafts in the business and frequents Dartmouth and Concord, N.H., often enough to be spotted by this correspondent (Pete) periodically. Jeff, if you are reading this, I still want that free lunch you promised! ✳ **Robert E. Levy** and Catherine Herrick '97 were married in a magnificent black tie ceremony in early June in Catherine's hometown of Cleveland, Ohio. Robby capped the weekend off with his celebrated dance moves, and a great time was had by all. In attendance were the usual onslaught of the class of '99, including best man **John Felton**, and groomsmen **Adam Burns**, **Chris Lindstrom**, and **Dan Meyer**. **Brad Maxwell** (sans children), **Mike Cormier**, **Peter Steinberg**, **Greg** and **Sara Doniger Parent**, **Tony Colangelo**, **Carrie Rief**, and **Elizabeth Cassidy** were all in attendance and all have nothing but rave reviews for the weekend. ✳ Sara and Greg Parent welcomed daughter Elizabeth into the world last fall, and she appeared at her first of many Middlebury weddings. Rumor has it she is interested in a spot in the class of 2025 already. ✳ Peter Steinberg, Jason Oleet '00, Eric Goldwarg '00, Adam Burns, and Emily Stonehouse '01 took part in the 26th Prouty in Hanover, N.H., an annual 100-mile bike race for the cancer center at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center. They survived the warm July temperatures with only one flat tire (Emily) and together consumed about six gallons of Gatorade during the event. ✳ **Catherine Sloan** found time to visit **Margaret Burns Kramer**, a recent Ph.D. graduate of the Univ. of Kansas's school of counseling and psychology. ✳ **Jen Clark** is surviving New Haven, where she is pursuing graduate studies in nursing. ✳ **Andy Dixon** continues to insist Brooklyn is "where it's at." ✳ **Caitrin Higgins** is busy at work as a landscape architect, but still finds time to keep up with her Midd friends, such as Hedda Bernsten '03. Hedda "trained" this past summer by wakeboarding and surfing in Norway. ✳ **Jeanne Restivo Jacoby** was seen running after her increasingly mobile daughter Hannah on the sideline of many a soccer game in Hanover, N.H., this past summer. ✳ **Matt Bak** is now a sinus fellow in Manhattan and is eager to hear about your nose issues at the 10-year reunion next summer. ✳ **Ben Lively** is about to start touring the country as part of the orchestra for a Broadway musical called *Spring Awakening*. Catch him across the country over the next year. ✳ **Judy Zamore** is a proud homeowner. ✳ **Ben Schlechter** hasn't been getting much sleep as a medicine intern a BI Deaconess in Boston. ✳ We're sorry to report that **Shaun Esmond** passed away on May 20. We send our sympathy to his family.

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Corinna Luyken has paintings featured on the set of Universal Studios' summer release, *Baby Mama*. Her greeting cards have also been picked up and are being distributed in the U.S. and Canada. To see Corinna's work visit www.corinnaluyken.com. ✳ In the process of earning her MBA at the Univ. of Michigan's Ross School of Business, **Emily Friedberg** worked in Uganda this past summer as an associate with Acumen Fund. ✳ **Lena Watts** writes, "I left *Boston Magazine* after more than six years and am now the assistant art director at *Body+Soul* magazine. It's located just outside Boston in Watertown, Mass., but is owned by Martha Stewart so I've been making trips to NYC to direct photo shoots. And I occasionally run into Martha herself when I'm there! Also, Sherry

Schwarz '99 and I are still working on *Abroad View* magazine. Check out its new online home: www.abroadview.org." ✳ **Genny Berdoulay Coffey** gave birth to daughter Anna Grace on May 15. Little Anna sports unattached earlobes (which is all Genny) and is considered to be a "tall" baby (which is most definitely the genetic contribution of Genny's husband Kelly, who is considered a "tall" adult). Congratulations, Genny! ✳ **Nidhi Gupta Saran** reports, "Siddharth '97 and I are thrilled to share the news of the birth of our son Avi, who was born on January 10 in NYC. We are all doing well. Siddharth is continuing his post-Wharton MBA career at UBS, where he is now a director in the leveraged finance, financial sponsors, and restructuring group. I have been a management consultant with McKinsey & Company since 2005, with a focus in healthcare. We would love to meet up with any alumni living in or visiting the NYC area—look us up!" ✳ **Marc Zelnick** is pleased to announce his marriage to Amanda Benko (West Point '05). The wedding was held in Little Rock, Ark., in January. ✳ Several friends gathered for the wedding of **Erica Hill** and **Mike Cordaro** over the Fourth of July weekend in Vermont. **Phoebe Chase**, **Irakly Areshidze**, **Adam Popkin**, **David Babbington**, **Christa Leonard Abbott**, and **Josh Nothwang** were there to enjoy the festivities. Photographer extraordinaire **David Barreda** also flew in to lend his talent for the weekend. Guests celebrated the Fourth aboard a boat cruise on Lake Champlain on Friday and then danced the night away after the wedding at the Waybury Inn on Saturday. ✳ Phoebe Chase graduated in May from Wheelock College in Boston, Mass., with her master's in social work. ✳ In June **Colleen Bramhall** climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro to raise money for the Volunteer Services Overseas organization. She summited the 19,341-foot mountain on June 21, raising almost $7,000 to help support VSO's work in education, HIV/AIDS, and economic livelihoods projects in East Africa. Congratulations, Colleen! ✳ **Caroline Bevelander** is an attending physician in the department of emergency medicine at Maimonides Medical Center in Brooklyn, N.Y., and passed the oral component of her board certification exams in May. ✳ **Guy Livesay** lives in Lansing, Mich., and attends Michigan State Univ., working toward finishing the prerequisites for business school. ✳ **Cynthia Withington Newman** reports, "My husband Jeremy just finished his emergency medicine residency in West Virginia and we've moved to Las Vegas. We're excited for many desert and mountain adventures out west!" ✳ **Adina Racoviteanu** gave a lecture entitled "Glacial Archaeology in the Peruvian Andes" for Middlebury alumni, parents, and friends in Boulder, Colo. She spent four years gathering scientific data and living extensively in Peru among local people as she studied high altitude glacial archaeology. ✳ In June **Lizzie Lokey** finished her Ph.D. in environmental studies at the Univ. of Colorado where she studied energy policy. After defending her dissertation, she trekked the Annapurna Circuit in Nepal for a month. Now she's working with Camco International in Denver, Colo., as a carbon consultant, helping companies to lower their greenhouse gas emissions and prepare for U.S. climate change legislation. She still loves the mountains and being near some of her closest Midd friends like **Helen Gemmill**, and she can't imagine living anywhere other than Colorado. ✳ **Chad Salmela** was featured on fasterskier.com, talking about his skiing background and his job as head ski coach for the College of St. Scholastica in Duluth, Minn.

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Andy Mitton recently founded Points North Films with fellow grad Jesse Holland '02 and they are in preproduction for their original film, *YELLOWBRICKROAD*. Andy says, "We are slated to shoot the film in the northern woods of New Hampshire next summer. We conducted a staged reading of the screenplay last fall on campus during my most recent staff residency at Middlebury, and we have already thrived on the support of the students and theatre department faculty. We'd love to have people check us out at our Web site: www.yellowbrickroadthemovie.com." ✳ **Zach Bourque** and wife Megan moved into a house in Needham, Mass., at the end of May. Zach saw **Andrew** and Katie Shutte '03 **Shogan**, Craig Breen '00, **Chad Malone**, **Ethan Barron**, and **Matt** and **Leslie Fox Arnould** in Boston this past summer. ✳ **James Tsai** has moved from Boston to Chicago to join the Kellogg School of Management class of 2010. ✳ **Dauvin Peterson** and wife Vidisha had a baby girl, Tabitha Grace Peterson, on May 19. ✳ **Garrett Dodge** graduated from MIT Sloan with his MBA in the spring. **Kristen Lyall** continues to work on her doctorate. ✳ **Keegan Uhl**, living in Hollywood, Calif., with wife Martha (Crootof) '04, shot a short film this summer and finished film school in September. He also submitted updates on other classmates: **Peter Morgan** finished a one-year clerkship with the Alaska Supreme Court in Juneau and has moved back to San Francisco, where he's working for the Sierra Club; **Daniel Graham** lives near Dartmouth and had a vegetable garden this summer—everything from snap peas to bok choy—and he enjoys long walks in the woods with his dog, Shelby. ✳ **Megan Campbell** is at Columbia Univ. pursuing a combined BS/MS in nursing to become an acute care nurse practitioner. ✳ **Lorinc Redei** will be taking a leave from his job at the European Parliament to take one last crack at finishing his Ph.D. in international relations. From September to May he'll be splitting his time between Budapest, Hungary, and Austin, Texas, aiming to achieve a state of permanent culture shock. ✳ **Ariel Diggory** writes, "This May I completed an MS in conservation biology at the State Univ. of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry. I continue to live in Saranac Lake, N.Y., and work for the New York State Adirondack Park Agency as an environmental program specialist—a vague and fancy title for reviewing projects and writing permits—but it's a lot more interesting than it sounds. I use GIS almost every day and will never forget that it was Middlebury's Bob Churchill that started me on that path." ✳ **Lillian Sofi Hall** and Avi Klein were married July 12 at the home of her mother. Lillian teaches Spanish at the Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School in Rockville, Md., and received a master's in creative writing from the Univ. of Maryland. Her husband is a researcher for Public Campaign, a nonprofit organization in Washington promoting public financing of political campaigns. He graduated from UC-Davis and received a law degree from USC. ✳ **Margaret Aycock**, still living in NYC, graduated from Baruch College in May with an MS in accounting. She took the CPA exam this summer and started at KPMG in September. ✳ In May, **Jess Stahl** marched at graduation for her Ph.D. in counseling psychology from the Univ. of Maryland, College Park. Her degree was officially conferred in August after she finished her predoctoral internship year at the Univ. of Minnesota's Counseling and Consulting Services. She returned to the East Coast and became a resident of the Boston area where she began a postdoctoral fellowship in counseling and health services at Salem State College in Salem, Mass. ✳ On April 19, **Ali McGaw** married Richard Peterson in Ochos Rios, St. Ann, Jamaica. Having met at orientation for Stonybrook Medical School, Ali is working on her pediatric residency at Stonybrook Univ. Medical Center and Richard is at Yale Univ. Hospital doing his residency in child psychiatry. ✳ As the writer in residence at the Rutgers Univ. Institute on Ethnicity, Culture, and the Modern Experience, **Jason Lemire** has been researching and writing the story of Don Miller, an artist and civil rights activist. In June the Montclair Art Museum presented an evening of art, performance, and remembrance to celebrate the completion of "The Don Miller Project." ✳ **Andrew Johnson** was recently hired as the assistant cross-country skiing coach at the Univ. of Utah. ✳ This past spring in Greensburg, Pa., the Westmoreland Symphony Orchestra performed a new piece by **Devin Arrington** entitled "David's Harp." Besides playing first violin for the orchestra and composing, Devin also teaches violin. ✳ In 2004, **Elizabeth Downing** helped found Digital Forensics Professionals, which now has become Oklahoma's largest digital forensics firm. While working as a technical writer for the company, she has also continued her fine art photography.

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Yoci Vorys graduated from the Ohio State Univ. Moritz College of Law in May 2007. After passing the Ohio bar exam, she joined the Columbus, Ohio, branch of Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP as an associate in the labor and employment group. ✳ **Anna Schecter** is the ABC News investigative unit associate producer. ✳ **Josh Broder** reports that he enjoyed the Maine summer with other Midd locals Megan Hamilton '01, **Sean Hoskins**, Jamien Richardson '00, and **Greg Connolly**. He continues to manage Tilson Technology Management with owner Mike Dow '88. Mike and Josh recently started two new companies, Offcore LLC, and Source Asia Services.

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03

A good time was had by everyone at our 5th reunion. Our class was awarded the Special Achievement Award for a record-breaking 5th reunion class gift ($190,465). Nice job, everybody! ✳ **Anne Callahan** recently launched a publishing business, Graphic Union Press, from her apartment in NYC. Her debut book is entitled *Biking the U.S. of Awesomeness*, and features e-mails from a

cross-country bike trip undertaken by Nicole Grohoski '05 and Caitlin Prentice '05, among others. The book is illustrated by **Charles Mahal**. For more info, visit www.fourcallahans.net/sister/graphicunionpress. ✳ Congressional newspaper *The Hill* recently named **Andrew Savage** one of the 50 most beautiful people working on Capitol Hill. Andrew works as the communications director for Rep. Peter Welch (D-Vt.).

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Cassidy Freeman wrote with fun news about her career. In June she was told that she had landed the job of a new series regular named Tess Mercer on the show, *Smallville*. "It's a show about young Superman, on the CW (the new WB for you *Dawson's Creek* fans out there). You may or may not know of said show (it's been on for SEVEN years!) and that's okay. But I'm going to get to know it a lot better." She started filming over the summer and relocated to Vancouver, British Columbia, for a while. She planned to return to LA whenever the schedule allowed. ✳ Athletes for a Fit Planet announced that they would be sponsoring triathlete **Sarah Groff** and offsetting 100 percent of her carbon emissions. Sarah will be writing a blog for them chronicling her racing and training and commenting on her environmental activities and concerns. In June Sarah placed seventh in the elite women's race at the International Triathlon Union World Championships in Vancouver. ✳ **Melissa Krempa** was hired as the head field hockey coach at Franklin and Marshall College after four years as the assistant field hockey coach and strength and conditioning coordinator at William Smith College. ✳ Hope to see you all on campus for our 5th reunion next June 5–7!

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05

It's hard to imagine that three years have passed since we graduated from Middlebury. Before we know it, we'll be heading back to Vermont for our 5th reunion. Our class is spread out all over the world, working in different sectors and making a difference each in our way. ✳ **Christina Tolbert** is headed to the Caribbean to attend Ross Univ. Medical School in Dominica, West Indies, after a year working at YAI clinic as a treatment coordinator in the Bronx. ✳ Another doctor-to-be studying in the Caribbean is **Eric Blacher**, who completed his MPH last fall and began his second year of med school at St. George's Univ. Medical School in Grenada this fall. He serves as the operating room coordinator for the SGU Surgery Club on the executive board. This past summer, he went on a medical mission to Israel for 10 days. ✳ Although **Farhad Peerani** is not in the Caribbean, he too is a future doctor who will graduate with his MD in 2009 from the Univ. of British Columbia. ✳ **Carmen Granda** will soon be called doctor too, but she won't be in the operating room. She's studying for her Ph.D. in Hispanic studies at Brown Univ. Before that, she was in Spain for a year where she pursued a master's in Spanish literature from Middlebury. ✳ **Martha Dutton** continues to live in Hyderabad, India, where she works on municipal water system improvement projects with the Administrative Staff College of India. Hyderabad is a long way from Boston, but she has learned to love both cities. ✳ Back in the U.S., **Dominique Ahkong** and **Kristen Smart** are at NYU pursuing their master's degrees in the interactive telecommunications program. ✳ **Ari Joseph**, who has completed his two-year tour of duty in the land of the Red Sox, will return to his pinstriped hometown, where baseball is only a hobby, to make gadgets and widgets in NYU's interactive telecommunications program, joining Kristen and Dominique. ✳ **Laura Eckelman** is moving to New Haven where she will pursue an MFA in design at the Yale School of Drama. ✳ **Alyssa Thurston** completed her first year at UCLA Law School. ✳ Speaking of law school, **Cicely Ott Parseghian** graduated magna cum laude from Boston Univ. School of Law on May 18. She starts work at law firm Foley Hoag in Boston this October, hopefully joining their environmental and international disputes practice areas. She got to see **Patricia Kim** and **Lizzie Monk** for a rainy Saturday in Boston and still spends most Wednesday nights with **Rich Novak**, **Andy Lindblad**, and other Midd friends for half-off chicken sandwich night at the Pour House in Boston. She's excited that **Josh Axelrod** and Tara Vanacore '06 are moving back to the East Coast soon. ✳ **Jeff Stauch**, who is the assistant director of annual giving at Middlebury, also ran into Josh Axelrod, who was at Middlebury for his brother's graduation. Unfortunately, Jeff missed commencement because he was running the Vermont City Marathon that day. ✳ **Delia Conache** is in the middle of her master's in architecture at the Univ. of Texas-Austin. She recently received a design excellence award for her work during her spring studio, interned at Gensler in Austin during the summer, and will be going on a seven-month professional residency program (probably in London) next spring. ✳ **Jo Opot**, StartingBloc's executive director, became an esteemed Social Ventures Network (SVN) Fellow. The SVN is a network of socially responsible business leaders committed to building a just and sustainable world through socially and environmentally sustainable business. ✳ **Andre Estanislao** no longer teaches in Japan and is now the international baccalaureate coordinator at Southville International School and Colleges in the Philippines. As always, Andre is busy being fabulous while saving the world. ✳ **Alicia Hernandez** is a career transition specialist for South Bronx Job Corps, and **Tina Velez** is in her third year of teaching at an elementary public school in the South Bronx. ✳ **Megan Hutchin** moved to Princeton to teach sixth and eighth grade English at Stuart Country Day School. She spent her first year at Bread Loaf School of English this summer. ✳ **Dena Simmons** was at the Bread Loaf Writers' Conference this past summer. She graduated with her master's in childhood education and finished her second year of teaching in the South Bronx through the Teach For America program. To encourage her students to aim for college, she brought 16 of her seventh grade students for an overnight trip to Middlebury College with Tina Velez, Christina Tolbert, and Alicia Hernandez as chaperones. Dena ran into **Jasmin Johnson**, who is a special assistant in the Office of Institutional Diversity at the College. Jasmin was making plans to pursue her master's degree this fall. Dena also ran into **Jake Nicholson**, who performed in two plays in NYC and is also doing real estate work with Century 21. Hit him up if you need to find an apartment in NYC! ✳ On July 4, while deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, **Eric Shanley** was promoted from first lieutenant to captain. In a ceremony at Camp Taji, he donned the "Ivy Division" war patch. ✳ In Burlington, Vt., AmeriCorps VISTA volunteer **Cara Lovell** was hired last fall by the Fletcher Free Library to plan events that would draw teens to the library. In March she held a successful Super Smash Bros. Brawl video game tournament. ✳ **Sydney Atkins** served as a crew member this summer on her father's boat, *Wester Till,* when they raced in the Newport-to-Bermuda race. Sydney teaches and coaches lacrosse at the Shore Country Day School in Beverly, Mass.

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In California, **Eric Siegel** has been enjoying the warm weather by playing club lacrosse, hiking in the Sierras, and spending time with Bay Area residents **Suzanne Manugian**, **Cole Dovey**, Nick Sainati '07, **Anne Nelson**, John Schirm '05, **Matt Kunzweiler**, **Jay Boren**, and others. Eric and Jay got stranded in Truckee during a snowstorm in February and tragically had to miss work to ski powder all day. ✳ In D.C. news, **Elise Burditt** was promoted to legislative staff assistant to the chief counsel of the Senate Judiciary Committee. ✳ **Ryan Reese** is working at the Field School and spent his first year teaching seventh grade World History and Spanish 1. He also coached the high school varsity basketball team and the team won the conference championship! ✳ **Megan Gambino** is writing for *Smithsonian Magazine* and getting great assignments. Check out the August 2008 issue for a piece she wrote on growing up with the last name Gambino, with its mob associations. Ryan and Megan participated in RAGBRAI, a weeklong bike race across the state of Iowa for a total of 500 miles, averaging 80 miles a day. For the Easter weekend, the two joined **Nellie Barnard**, **Tim Bellis**, **Kirsten Nagel**, and **Matt Malek** at a "triangulated location" between D.C., Princeton, and Rochester (Scranton, Pa.) for a hike through Salt Springs National Park, an egg-dyeing competition and hunt, and a great Easter brunch. ✳ Matt spent three months over the summer in Honduras working on water sanitation education and research and is really excited about it. ✳ Megan and Nellie traveled to Oakland, Calif., in the spring to visit **Mercy Trent** to see her favorite hangouts and for a scenic hike down to Stinson Beach. ✳ Living in D.C., **Sean Lena** works for the Brookings Institution. He helped to organize a conference on plug-in hybrid vehicles with one of the senior fellows. ✳ A sizable crowd of '06 alums gathered in Burlington at the end of May to run in the Vermont City Marathon—or else to cheer the runners on, wisely avoiding the pain of 26.2 miles in the warm Vermont sun. Marathon runners included **Meg Guffin**, **Tristram Arscott**, and Kirsten Nagel, who are all looking forward to their next one. Fans in the crowd included **Alex Banys**, **Emily Halnon**, **Andrew Barriger** (coming from California), and Matt Malek (over from New York). ✳ **CC Ragan** left New York this fall to begin her legal academic career at Emory University's law school. ✳ **Jamie Wong**

will be leaving New York as well, heading home to San Francisco to work in international exporting. ✷ **Clark Smith** also left New York and moved to China in August. ✷ **Rachel Durfee** traveled to Peru this past spring, fulfilling a lifelong dream of hiking the Inca Trail to Machu Picchu. ✷ **Conor Stinson** moved from Chicago to Brooklyn and now works for the U.S. Census Bureau, preparing for the decennial census in the geography division. ✷ Over the summer, **Caitlin Fabian** played for the Millburn (N.J.) Magic, a Women's Premier Soccer League expansion team. ✷ In a new job, **Fran Filippelli** now works as a program associate at the Council on Foreign Relations, a nonprofit foreign policy think tank. ✷ **Allie Green** also got a new job, working as an assistant for two literary agents at International Creative Management. She continues to work as a freelance writer for *Chile Pepper* magazine. ✷ **Jenny Studenroth** spent time working as an associate editor and writing assistant on the book *Stolen Innocence* by Elissa Wall and interning at *Elle* magazine before finding her current job: personal assistant to Tina Gaudoin, editor in chief of the new luxury mag by the *Wall Street Journal*, *WSJ*. The launch was in September, so she was busy with serious work to execute the launch. ✷ **Jamie Fey** spent the summer in New York, being a nanny for a two-year-old in New Rochelle. ✷ This past spring, **April Butler** was appointed assistant director of the Lyndon State College Upward Bound program. Completing her Praxis teaching exam, she is certified to teach math and science and was working at the Irasburg Village School. Previously she spent a year in an educational fellowship at the Boston Museum of Science. ✷ Internationally, **Tom McCann** got a job working for Wembley Stadium in London. He recently purchased a car with the intent to get a driver's license and learn to drive over there. ✷ **Ben Golze** moved from D.C. to Beijing, where he is doing real estate research for Jones Lange LaSalle. ✷ **Amber Rydberg** returned home from a year spent in South Korea. With a Fulbright ETA, she worked at an elementary school in Daegu and taught 19 classes of energetic third–sixth graders, living in a home-stay with a family of one of the fourth-graders. She visited **Anna Strimaitis** in Townsville, Australia, where Anna was interning at ReefHQ Aquarium for the fall and winter. After her time in South Korea, Amber traveled around Cambodia before volunteering with the U.S. Olympic Committee at the Beijing Olympics. ✷ As part of the 48Straight and Jeep King of the Mountain series, **May Boeve** participated in the "Green Your Scene" environmental symposium last March in Sun Valley, Idaho. ✷ This past June **Lucy Chapin** returned to the Tibetan Buddhist Learning Center in New Jersey where she did her final independent project for Midd. She was invited back to help prepare the Center for the visit of HH Dalai Lama. She was unable to be there for his arrival because she was taking a biostatistics class, preparing to apply to nursing schools, but she planned to go back to the Center for his teachings. ✷ **Taylor Leach** participated in the U.S. Bank Pole Pedal Paddle, coming in third in the elite women's class. She is a member of XC Oregon, an elite cross-country ski team based in Bend, Ore. ✷ In Shelburne, Vt., **Alexandra Polemis** recently completed a two-year curatorial fellowship at the Shelburne Museum. She curated several exhibitions of American paintings and sculpture from the permanent collection.

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07

We've passed our one-year anniversary of graduation, and though it seems like only yesterday that we were sitting in the rain in our caps and gowns, the experiences of our classmates can prove that a lot can be accomplished in a year. ✷ **Magdalena Widjaja** has set the bar high with an impressive list of accomplishments since graduation. She and Tim Bahls '06 just celebrated their first wedding anniversary on Memorial Day. They also think they can claim the first '06/'07 baby. They welcomed daughter Kirana on April 4. Tim just finished his master's in computer science at the Univ. of Wisconsin-Madison, and Magdalena is getting ready to start a Ph.D. program in math this coming fall at UC-Santa Barbara. As a well-needed sabbatical, the happy couple took a two-month vacation in Jakarta, Indonesia. They also traveled to Bali, Singapore, and Malaysia and visited **Rachel Fong** in Hong Kong on the way back to the U.S. ✷ Also in the Far East, John Reed '08 is living in Tokyo working as a management consultant at Deloitte Consulting. He's been there for almost a year and plans to stay for a few more. In September he planned to travel to Kazakhstan for work. ✷ **Colleen Sullivan** is entering year two of work at Industrial Economics in Cambridge, Mass., an environmental and economic consulting firm, and she enjoys working with fellow Midd Kids Patrick Philips '06 and Mikael Gentile '08. ✷ **Luke Strauss** and **Lisa Gerstenberger** live in Rochester, N.Y. Luke works with the environmental engineering firm Haley & Aldrich as an engineering technician, and Lisa works as a GIS specialist with the Nature Conservancy while starting her own fused glass business, called SunriseGlassArt. In May Lisa was awarded the Alfred E. Nuquist Award for Outstanding Research on a Vermont Topic for the research she did for the Vermont Land Trust. ✷ **Roula Zoghbi** moved back to Houston and works at the Children's Nutrition Research Center as a health adviser and research coordinator counseling inner-city families about healthy eating and physical activity to prevent obesity. She started her MPH in health promotion and behavioral sciences at the Univ. of Texas Health Science Center this fall. She got to take a break from her hard work when she traveled to Beirut, Lebanon, with her family this summer for 10 days. ✷ **Ellen Sargent** spent the last year working in the MBA program at the Kenan-Flagler Business School at UNC-Chapel Hill. In August, she moved to Greenwich, Conn., to begin working at Brunswick School as part of their Assistant Teacher Program, where she will also be working towards her master's in education. ✷ **Meredith Conrad** completed her tenure in the Big Apple and headed to Virginia to begin law school this fall. ✷ **Lindsey Jones** followed a similar path. She moved to Boston to begin her first year of law school at Boston College. ✷ **Tiger Lyon**, former Middlebury quarterback, has continued his football career in arena football and has started in games for the Rio Grande Valley Dorados. ✷ **Scott Coriell** is in Malawi working for World Camp educating children about AIDS and plans to move to North Carolina where he will continue his position with World Camp. ✷ **Jenny Schneider** has been working as an admissions counselor in Middlebury's very own Admissions Office. She will be applying to graduate school in English this fall. ✷ **Adam Granato** was on campus last January manning an information table for Career Services about the Hole in the Wall Gang Summer Camp. ✷ In Vermont, **Carol Guest** and **Lauren Armstrong** showed their support for Barack Obama by attending a Democratic caucus in Burlington and becoming delegates to the state convention in May. ✷ Speaking of Obama, **Nikki Sutton** has been working in Chicago for Triple O—Obama's online operation. One of her jobs is to contact supporters within the groups Women for Obama, Veterans for Obama, and Environmentalists for Obama and encourage them to make phone calls and host house parties. ✷ **Izzy Marshall** is in Hanoi, Vietnam, for a year, working at Child Fund, a nonprofit dedicated to improving the health, educational, and other essential needs of young children in Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia. ✷ Congratulations to **Emily Adler** who received the Compton Mentor Fellowship. She's spending a year in San Francisco working with the Global Citizen Center developing a new youth education and leadership green-workforce program aimed at training diverse, low-income youth in green community development. ✷ Congratulations also to **Kelly Dennis** who was selected for the 2008 Morris K. Udall Native American Congressional Internship Program. She spent her 10-week internship in the Office of Indian Affairs with the House Committee on Natural Resources. ✷ **J. MacLeod Andrews** has moved from Louisville, Ky., to NYC. An actor, he recently signed with the agency Nicolosi & Co. ✷ Through the Emergency Response Corps, an AmeriCorps program, **Chris Abbott** worked full time for the Searsport, Maine, emergency medical services this summer and fall. He plans to begin medical school at the Univ. of New England next fall. ✷ And now, a few orders of business. Please make sure to update your contact information so we can get in touch with you. You can do this by going to the Middlebury site, clicking on Alumni, and then the Update Your Contact Info link. Brett and Everett

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08

Who would have thought this day would come so quickly? The fresh-faced incoming first-years of the Class of 2008 have left the familiar routine at Midd and now find themselves dispersed on new adventures throughout the world—and are leafing through the ALUMNI magazine? Well here we are. Upon leaving the farmlands of Vermont, it seems many of our classmates took the opportunity to travel around the U.S. and abroad. ✷ **Hadley Hatch**, **Mimi Schatz**, and **Jake Pepper** visited **Alex Conyers** in his homeland of Bermuda for a week of boating and exploring the island. ✷ In another tropical locale, **Michelle Constant**, **George Baumann**, **Ethan Lake**, **Valerie Weed**, **Alanna Hanson**, **Joe Johnston**, **Emily Hendrick**, and **Liz Brace** reunited on the beaches of the Bahamas. ✷ Meanwhile, **Justin Wright** has been working in Hawaii and taking time to meet up with **Ben Hanna** to surf every day. The pair spent a week driving around the island making stops to surf,

hike, swim, camp, and (our personal favorite) jump off things. We quote: "We found some fun cliffs and rope swings around the island and found that to be a fun pre- or post-surfing activity." They must have been well trained by Bristol Falls. ✳ Also enjoying the great outdoors is **Des Jennings**, who worked at Teton Valley Ranch Camp in Dubois, Wyo., with **Chris Cara** and planned to move out to Jackson Hole at the end of the summer. ✳ **Liana Sideli** is also in the area, leading hiking trips for teenagers near Jackson Hole. ✳ Further east in the Rockies, **Michelle Cady**, **Emily Molitor**, and **Laura Lee** enjoyed a week in Aspen, biking, hiking, rafting, and rodeo picnicking. Kudos to our classmates **Patrick Cunningham**, **Ben Gragnolati**, and **Robbie Burton** who will ski-bum there this winter! ✳ Four of our classmates made an infamous cross-country trek; **Sarah Carnabuci**, **Caroline Kelly**, **Georgia Hoffman**, and **Charlotte Hall** explored America by traveling by RV from NYC to California. Along with stops in Charleston, Little Rock, Arches, and Las Vegas, they made a stop in Denver to see Patrick Cunningham, **Josh Shipman**, Robbie Burton, Ben Gragnolati, and Laura Lee. Finally arriving in California a few weeks later, they paid a visit to **Jack Britton**. ✳ Back on the East Coast, **Anna Chavis**, **Mallory Hicks**, **Amy McCowan**, and Michelle Cady reunited in Maryland for a week where they also saw **Glenn Bickley**, **Bruce Fryer**, **Adam Posner**, **Robbie de Picciotto**, **Ethan Roberts**, and **Mikael Gentile** in D.C. ✳ **Meredith Downing**, **Patch Culbertson**, and **Liza Reynolds** all lived on Martha's Vineyard this past summer. ✳ In Europe, **Erik Woodring**, **Chris Davis**, and **Chip Sherwood** reunited in Madrid, Spain, to enjoy the nightlife. ✳ On the other side of the world, **Mickey Gilchrist** is Down Under playing hockey. ✳ We also have classmates who traveled in Asia. **Sara Cowie** visited **Pam Chatikavanij** in Thailand, and **Garrett Salpeter** and **Rob MacIntyre** made a trip to China! ✳ If you are around Vermont this year, be sure and stop to say hi to the Febs or members of our class still in the area. **Chrissy Fulton**, **ChaCha Wu**, **Andy Mittelman**, **Matt Boucher**, **Jess Tietjen**, **Kelsey Eichhorn**, and **Kristin Fraser**, among others, will be around! ✳ **Erin McCormick** is also in Midd working as a stewardship writer at the College. ✳ **Kim Kennedy** is serving as a field intern and project coordinator for Grassroot Soccer in South Africa. Grassroot Soccer uses soccer as a tool in the effort to educate young people about reducing AIDS and HIV in African nations. ✳ As we all part ways and anticipate the moments we will meet again, we would love to hear from you all. Write to us, your new class correspondents, at middlebury2008@gmail.com or at the addresses below. Also, check out the new Facebook group for the Class of 2008, where you can post events and gatherings.

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30 **Helen Kendall Dudey**, 99, of Corinth, N.Y., on April 24, 2008. She received her teaching certificate from UC-Berkeley in 1931 and her master's in French in 1937 from Penn State. She also spent two summers at the Sorbonne in Paris. During her teaching career, she taught French and Latin at several schools in California, Pennsylvania, and New York. An active volunteer, she was involved with many different organizations and was a loyal Middlebury alum, serving as class secretary for over 30 years. Her proudest moment was on July 4, 1965, when she represented American women in laying a floral display on a restored World War I monument in Quiberon, Brittany, France. Predeceased by first husband George Metger, second husband Beecher Dudey, and stepson George Jr., she is survived by stepson George Etesse, grandson Thomas Metger and great-granddaughter Stephanie, and two step-grandchildren Christopher and Gabrielle.

31 **Dorothy Pearson Reid**, 97, of Waterville, Maine, on March 26, 2008. After receiving her BS from Simmons College School of Business, she worked in various secretarial positions, including as secretary to the director of admissions and personnel at Middlebury from 1935–40. She also worked 15 years as a recorder at UVM. Marrying Evans Reid in 1963, she predeceased him by one day. Survivors include stepson Nicholas, his wife, and their daughter.

32 **Elinor Lente Clements**, 96, formerly of Saugerties, N.Y., on April 27, 2008. After teaching several years in a one-room schoolhouse, she joined the faculty at Saugerties High School in 1945 and taught French and Latin for 33 years, retiring in 1978 as chair of the department. In 1947 she earned a master's in French from the Middlebury Language Schools. In 1966 she was awarded a Golden Key award with former student Roger Donlon, who was the first officer to win the Congressional Medal of Honor in the Vietnam War. He named her as the teacher who contributed most to his accomplishments. An avid hiker, she was a lifetime member of the Green Mountain Club. She also enjoyed bowling and traveling. Predeceased by husband Maurice, she is survived by stepson William.

Virginia Coley Smith, 97, of South Burlington, Vt., on March 4, 2008. After teaching for a year at Bancroft School, she became a legal secretary. Moving to Vermont with her family, she and her husband eventually took over the Hartness House in Springfield where she enjoyed buying for and running the gift shop. Her volunteer work included serving in the Springfield Hospital auxiliary and advising the hospital coffee shop manager. Preceded in death by husband Kingsley '33 and son W. Gordon, she is survived by daughter Cherrill Rowell, son Kingsley Jr. '65, four grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. Deceased Middlebury relatives include sisters Margaret Coley Rawson '34 and Elizabeth Coley Congdon '35, brother-in-law Milton Lins '38, and nephew William Miller '50. Surviving Middlebury relatives include sister Harriet Coley Lins '37, niece Elizabeth Congdon-Martin '71, great-nieces Leslie Miller Scheidler '80 and Sarah Congdon-Martin '01, and great-nephew Brian Miller '79.

Georgiana Hulett Taylor, 96, of Westmoreland, N.H., on May 30, 2008. After teaching high school math and science during WWII, she raised her family before going back to school to take library science classes. While working as the young adult librarian at Katonah Village Library, she also began transcribing books into Braille. In retirement she enjoyed weaving and working with her husband on a four-story Victorian dollhouse. A loyal Midd alum, she served for many years as class secretary with her husband. Predeceased by her husband of 72 years, Gray '32, she is survived by sons Philip, Lee, and Stephen, daughter Betsy '69, eight grandchildren including Susannah Church Maxwell '97, and 12 great-grandchildren. Surviving Middlebury relatives include cousin F. Georgiana Ward Strickland '55.

34 **Virginie Chamberland John**, 90, of Hilton Head, S.C., on December 11, 2003. She was a longtime resident of Sea Pines, first moving there in 1965. Predeceased by husband Herbert '33 in 1981, she is survived by sons Geoffrey, Peter, and Christopher, seven grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. Deceased Middlebury relatives include cousin Dorothee Bellerose Beane '26.

Reynold H. Suss, 96, of Livingston, N.J., on July 7, 2005. During WWII, he served in the Army. A longtime resident of Livingston, he was a member of the Livingston Old Guard and worked in the credit and collection department at the Worthington Corp. in Harrison until retirement. Preceded in death by wife Ruth, he is survived by son Richard and a grandchild.

36 **Charles H. Startup**, 94, of Oberlin, Ohio, on May 26, 2008. After studying two years in the graduate school of public administration at the Univ. of Cincinnati, he worked for 40 years at American Airlines in a variety of capacities, including corporate VP in NYC. He was a lifetime member of the international airline organization, the Skal Club. Survivors include his wife of 66 years, Jane (Williams), sons Charles and Thomas '76, daughter Ann, and three grandchildren.

37 **Elizabeth Hunt Greene**, 92, of Denver, Colo., on March 31, 2008. For over 50 years she lived in New Orleans where her husband was the general manager of the New Orleans Symphony, and she eventually worked as a secretary in the sociology dept. at Tulane Univ. An active volunteer, she served on Tulane's Medical Center auxiliary and added her ideas and enthusiasm to various senior groups. After a move to Denver, she was actively involved in her senior living community. Predeceased by husband Thomas and son Thomas Jr., she is survived by daughter Suzanne Combs, son Stephen, and four grandchildren.

38 **John Chalmers**, 91, of Manhattan, Kan., on March 14, 2008. After earning a Ph.D. in economics from Cornell Univ., he served as a naval officer in the Pacific during WWII. Following the war he taught and held administrative positions at several colleges and universities, including Middlebury in the economics dept. and at the Univ. of the Philippines as a Fulbright professor. In 1963 he joined the staff of Kansas State Univ. as dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. As dean and

later as VP for academic affairs, he helped to move the institution towards higher academic standards and implemented important new programs. In recognition of his contributions, KSU awarded him an honorary degree of doctor of humane letters in 1980 and in 2003 named a building housing chemistry and biology facilities in his honor. Survivors include wife Carol (Bloom) '37, son Jim, daughters Carolyn and Jinny, five grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren. Deceased Middlebury relatives include father James, Class of 1909, uncles William '13 and Robert '17, aunt Elizabeth Chalmers Dow '14, brother James '34, and cousin Ellen Chalmers Steen '47. Surviving Middlebury relatives include cousin Margaret MacCormick de Forest '47, nieces Elizabeth Chalmers '58, Susannah Chalmers Deacon '63, Emily Chalmers McCallion '65, and Karin Bloom Heffernan '82 and husband Michael '82, nephew William Deacon '91, and grandsons John Chalmers '85 and wife Karen Rockow Chalmers '85, James Chalmers '91, and Seth Janus '95.

39 **Bertha Waite Markland**, 89, of Northampton, Mass., on May 12, 2008. An active community member in the various places she lived, she was instrumental in starting the American Field Service foreign exchange program in Clinton, Conn., and hosted the town's first exchange student. After a move to Whately, Mass., she was a member of the Ladies Benevolent Society, the Historical Society, and a founding member of Whately Land Preservation. Predeceased by husband William '41 in 2002, she is survived by daughters Judy '66 and Shirley '69, son William '79, and "adopted" daughter Brigidine Castro and her two sons.

Ralph M. Petrizzi, 92, of Austin, Texas, on December 5, 2007. After working as a translator for military intelligence and serving in the military during WWII, he was a management trainer in civil service with the U.S. Army and Air Force until his retirement in 1977. An avid golfer, he played daily after retiring. He married Theresa Tessa in 1942 and they had sons Richard and David, and daughter Deborah. Surviving Middlebury relatives include brother Daniel '48.

40 **David J. FitzGerald**, 89, of Whitehall, N.Y., on May 19, 2008. After serving as first lieutenant with the U.S. Army in the Philippines, Guam, and Japan, he returned home to Whitehall and ran the family business, D. J. FitzGerald Coal and Oil Co. An active member of the community, he was a member of the Knights of Columbus, American Legion, Chamber of Commerce, and was a longtime member of the men's choir at his church. Predeceased by twin brother John and three sisters, survivors include his niece, Mary Anderson Norris.

Evelyn Hopper Pearce, 89, of Green Valley, Ariz., on May 24, 2008. After working as a technical assistant at Bell Laboratories during WWII, she volunteered in Girl Scouts, 4H Club, the PTA, and church activities as her children grew. In retirement, she and her husband traveled extensively. Predeceased by husband Dan, she is survived by daughters Virginia Viette and Catherine Geyer, and three grandchildren.

41 **Harriet Hull Boland**, 88, of Cheshire, Conn., on March 19, 2008. After marrying husband Jack in 1942, she was a homemaker and longtime resident of Cheshire. Predeceased by Jack in 2000, she is survived by son Jeff, daughter Judy, one granddaughter, and two great-grandchildren.

Sumner J. House, 90, of Bath, Maine, on March 16, 2008. A fighter bomber pilot in WWII, he was in the thick of the battles of the Coral Sea, the Solomon Islands, and Midway. His commendations included a Purple Heart, a Silver Star, and a Bronze Star. After earning a master's degree at Columbia Univ., he taught at the Univ. of Nebraska, Carroll College, and the New Jersey Institute of Technology, where he was a professor of political science and dean of students. Retiring in 1978, he and his wife moved to Hyde Park, Vt. Predeceased by wife Elaine (Wadlund) '41, he is survived by daughters Stephanie Davis, Elizabeth Sky-McIlvain '70, and Patricia House, two granddaughters, and one great-grandson.

Irene Egbert Lally, 88, of Ballston Spa, N.Y., on April 22, 2008. Embarking on a career in education, she taught English for many years at Potsdam (N.Y.) Central High School where she served as chair of the English department and president of the Potsdam Teachers Association. In retirement she was a member of the New York State Retired Teachers Association. Survivors include daughter Gretchen, sons Michael and Mark, seven grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren.

Hope Smith Marshburn, 90, of Gurnee, Ill., on April 24, 2008. After receiving her BA from the Univ. of Massachusetts, she married and lived in many places with her husband who was in the Navy: Newfoundland, Florida, New Orleans, and Brooklyn. Finally settling in Illinois she enjoyed many sports and music events with her

In Memoriam
Howard M. Munford '34
July 13, 1912–June 30, 2008

Professor Emeritus of American Literature Howard M. Munford, 95, died at home on June 30, 2008. A 1934 graduate of Middlebury, he earned an MA from Bread Loaf School of English and a Ph.D. from Harvard Univ. Joining the Middlebury faculty in 1941, he was an instructor in American literature before interrupting his academic career to serve as a Navy air combat intelligence officer aboard an aircraft carrier in the Pacific theater of WWII. He returned to the College and taught 35 years, serving as department chair the last 10, before retiring in 1977. During that time he held several endowed chairs, including the Old Dominion Foundation Professorship, the Julian Abernathy Professorship, and the Charles A. Dana Professorship.

Several opportunities enriched his teaching career. In the early 1950s he received a fellowship to study the philosophy of science at Stanford Univ.; he was a Fulbright lecturer in Finland in 1954; he joined Pulitzer Prize-winning poet John Berryman conducting symposia for professors in India; he was part of a 1958 State Department delegation of American professors to the Soviet Union; and he lectured as a Fulbright scholar at the Univ. of Freiburg, Germany, in 1963–1964.

With his love for literature and spirited personality, he had an obvious and indelible impact on students and colleagues alike. In 1998, former student Alexandra Rosen '59 established the Howard M. Munford '34 Scholarship Fund to support financial aid, preferably for students of literature. Not long after, the Chi Psi Lodge at the College was renamed in his honor—and coincidentally was the place where he had met his wife Marion Jones '32 at a pledge dance while a student.

Predeceased by wife Marion in 1999, he is survived by daughter Martha Hill and husband Robert Hill, Henry Norman Hudson Professor of English at Middlebury; son David '72 and wife Tami (Woolsey) '82; three grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

grandchildren and stayed active with golf and competitive bridge. She was particularly proud to represent Middlebury in 1987 at the inauguration of a new president at Carthage College in Wisconsin. Predeceased by husband Calvin and daughter Melissa, she is survived by daughters Pamela and Roxann, and four grandchildren. Deceased Middlebury relatives include uncle Ralph Palmer, Class of 1911.

42 **Robert W. Bredenberg**, 88, of Green Valley, Ariz., on April 22, 2008. During WWII he spent four years in the Army Signal Corps and remained in the Army Reserve until 1973, retiring with the rank of lieutenant colonel. He owned feed and hardware businesses in his hometown of Champlain, N.Y. In 1951 he entered local government and for the next 30 years was active in politics at both the town and county levels. He enjoyed hiking, skiing, fishing, and golf and was awarded a "46er belt" for climbing all 46 peaks of the Adirondacks. Wife Arlene survived him by six days, dying April 28. Survivors include son Robert Jr., daughters Linda, Maxine, Kathleen, and Charlene, six grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and sister Elizabeth Bredenberg Ness '48.

Everett T. Heidgerd, 87, of Kennebunk, Maine, on April 3, 2008. After serving in the U.S. Navy during WWII aboard the aircraft carrier *Bon Homme Richard*, he received his master's of education and his doctorate of educational counseling at Columbia Univ. Employed for 35 years by the New York State School System, he also worked at the Rockland County Mental Health Center and with the State of Connecticut Gifted and Talented Students Program. An avid sailor, he also enjoyed design, restoration, and renovation of antiques. Survivors include his wife of 62 years, Doris (Forsberg), son Thomas, daughters Christine Pucillo and Jane Garrick, and five grandchildren.

Grace Illwitzer Lewis, 88, of Wadsworth, Ohio, on May 13, 2008. She worked as a draftsman at Babcock and Wilcox in NYC before moving to Ohio where she was a member of Wadsworth Garden Club and the Literature and Arts Club. An artist, she often contributed paintings to the Wadsworth Library Art Show. Preceded in death by husband John, she is survived by daughters Mary, Alice, and Sally, son Jonathan, seven grandchildren, four step-grandchildren, and 11 step-great-grandchildren.

43 **Barbara Roberts Ormsby**, 86, of Redding, Conn., on March 3, 2008. A longtime resident of New Canaan, Conn., she was a member of the Women's Club, First Congregational Church, and Philanthropic Educational Organization. She enjoyed handicrafts, playing bridge, and participating in book groups. Predeceased by husband Edward, she is survived by daughters Heidi Kelsey and Susan Stoehr, and three grandchildren, including Megan Stoehr '00.

46 **Elma M. Baldrick**, 82, of Sanford, N.C., on March 25, 2008. After working a series of secretarial jobs in Connecticut, she moved to Vermont and worked for many years in the department of social welfare. Retiring in 1986, she traveled and volunteered as a legislative advocate for AARP and "Tax-aide."

Ruth Norton Forsberg, 83, of Golden, Colo., on May 16, 2008. After earning a BS from Columbia Univ. and training at Presbyterian Hospital, she passed the New York State boards and became an R.N. Most of her career was spent in public health nursing, particularly in the Jefferson County (Colo.) Health Department. Predeceased by husband Warren, she is survived by son Mark and daughter Joan.

Ann Argyle Lerew, 82, of Aurora, Colo., on May 21, 2008. For five years before marrying she worked as a research chemist, specializing in radioactive tracer studies, at American Cyanamid in Connecticut. In 1973, she returned to school to earn a master's of library science at Rosary College in Illinois. She held a variety of library jobs, ending her career as the public information librarian at the Colorado School of Mines. For over 25 years she was a member of the League of Women Voters, serving as president at one time. She is survived by husband John, daughters Deborah '75 and Jane, son John, and two granddaughters.

Carolyn Levy Smith, 82, of Boynton Beach, Fla., on April 19, 2008. A longtime Spanish teacher, she earned her MA in Spanish from the Middlebury Language Schools in 1949. In 1986 she retired from Dickinson High School in Jersey City, N.J. During her 32 years of teaching she traveled to Mexico, Spain, and in the U.S. She is survived by daughter Ellen.

47 **Frederick D. Williams**, 89, of East Lansing, Mich., on May 20, 2007. During WWII he served in the Army Air Corps, and after training for combat in B-24 Liberators, he participated in raids against enemy targets in Italy. With a Ph.D. earned from Indiana Univ. in 1953, he joined the history dept. of Michigan State Univ. as an assistant professor and retired 34 years later as professor and chairman of the department. Along the way he published seven books, wrote about 70 articles and book reviews, was elected to Phi Kappa Phi, received the University Distinguished Faculty Award, was selected by the 1986 senior class council as an outstanding member of the faculty, and had two scholarships established in his name. Serving six years on the Army Advisory Panel on ROTC

In Memoriam

David A. J. Macey

September 11, 1942–August 10, 2008

David A. J. Macey, 65, professor of history and Russian studies, passed away on August 10, 2008. After graduating from Brooklyn College summa cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa, he earned his MA and Ph.D. from Columbia Univ. Arriving at the College in 1978, he joined the faculty as an assistant professor of history, beginning a 30-year career teaching an array of courses in European and Russian history, Soviet studies, and international studies. As one of the world's leading authorities on agrarian reform in 19th-century Russia, his 1987 book *Government and Peasant in Russia, 1861–1906: The Prehistory of the Stolypin Reforms* appeared just as Mikhail Gorbachev's own reforms were gaining attention.

His international inclinations were formed early. A native of England, he traveled extensively aboard ship as a purser for the British firm P&O Line. In 1985 he cofounded the College's Soviet and East European Studies program, served as its director, and then became the first director of the College's program in international studies. In 1993, he was named C.V. Starr Professor of Russian and East European Studies, a position he held until 2005.

His most consequential administrative post at the College was that of director of Off-Campus Study from 1995 to 2006. During his 11-year tenure, he played an instrumental role in establishing the current model for the C.V. Starr-Middlebury Schools Abroad. He led the expansion of the Schools Abroad beyond Europe to Latin America and China, and added multiple sites at every School. His office also established faculty advisory boards for each School.

A warm and generous colleague, his contributions will long be remembered by those who knew him. He is survived by wife Phyllis, sons Peter and Robert, and four grandchildren.

affairs, he taught thousands of ROTC students and was awarded the U.S. Army's Outstanding Civilian Service Medal. Survivors include his wife of 63 years, Florence (Green), son Craig, daughters Sandi Baker, Jill Masters, and Kathy Engardio, nine grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

48 **Ann Johnson Johnson**, 80, of Los Angeles, Calif., on November 29, 2007. While raising son Douglas, and daughters Barbara, Mary, and Dorris, she moved often with her husband who was in aerospace work. After attending classes in library science, she worked for the Los Angeles Public Library. Upon retiring, she and her husband traveled extensively. Husband Warren predeceased her.

49 **Mary Ashworth Anderson**, 80, of Bear, Del., on April 9, 2008. After receiving her master's in chemistry at Wellesley College, she worked for DuPont as a chemist. She took some time off to raise her daughters then returned to school to earn a second master's in secondary education at the Univ. of Delaware. For many years she worked as a vocational counselor for Cecil County Schools in Maryland, retiring in 1998. An enthusiastic athlete, she was a national master's race walker who competed several times at the U.S. Senior Olympics National Championships. She also hiked 2,000 miles of the Appalachian Trail and took up javelin and discus throwing while in her 70s. Predeceased by husband Dick, she is survived by daughters Nancy Brubaker and Janet Anderson, three grandchildren, and brother Jim '54. Deceased Middlebury relatives include uncle and aunt Stanley '19 and Ruth Ashworth Wright '21, cousins Charles Wright '50, Daniel Wright '55, and Sandra Wright White '77. Surviving Middlebury relatives include cousins Spencer Wright '49, Catharine Wright '83, Lesley Wright '92, and Freeman White '03.

Frank J. Facini Jr., 82, formerly of Montpelier, Vt., on May 31, 2008. Serving in WWII, he was an ensign in the U.S. Navy. After college, he owned and operated the City Boot Shop in Montpelier until his retirement in 1982. An avid tennis player and skier, he served on the National Ski Patrol at Mad River Glen for many years. He was also involved in the Kiwanis Club and community theater. Predeceased by first wife Joan (Dunlop), he is survived by wife Stella (Wood), son Mark, daughter Gail Edwards, two children, and two great-grandchildren.

Robert S. Goell, 79, of Wilmington, N.C., on May 8, 2008. After graduating from Washington Univ. Medical School, he practiced medicine in St. Louis for 30 years before retiring to Wilmington. He is survived by wife Sharon, sons Jonathan and Geoffrey, stepdaughters Lisa Honaker and Michelle Dotson, and nine grandchildren.

Harold M. "Bob" Gore Jr., 85, of Charlottesville, Va., on March 15, 2008. After serving in the Army in the 10th Mountain Division in Italy, he returned to earn his bachelor's degree then received an MAT from Harvard in 1951. After several years of teaching, he began selling maps and globes in New England and New York, followed by sales of industrial material to companies in the Carolinas and Tennessee. After moving to New Hampshire in 1987, he continued in industrial sales. Predeceased by daughter Jennifer Lewis, he is survived by wife Ruth (Britton) '47, sons Christopher, Geoffrey, and Barry, five grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Charles F. Hall, 83, of Cincinnati, Ohio, on May 27, 2008. During WWII, he served in the Marine Corps and fought at Iwo Jima. With a master's and Ph.D. in chemistry, he worked for many years as a research chemist for the Atomic Energy Commission. He is survived by a brother and several nieces and nephews.

Pauline Wilkins Proctor, 80, formerly of Gorham, Maine, on May 13, 2008. With a BS in math education from the Univ. of Maine and an MS in math from UNH, she had a long career teaching math at the high school level, predominately in Maine public schools. She was a member of the Assoc. of Teachers of Math in New England and the Assoc. of Teachers of Math in Maine. Predeceased by husband Harold, she is survived by sons Norman, Douglas, Kenneth, and Randolph, and five grandchildren.

50 **Margaret Stearns Burdett**, 79, of Sunapee, N.H., on April 6, 2008. She began her teaching career at Hall High School, her alma mater, and finished with teaching English for nine years at Westminster School in Simsbury, Conn., after taking time off to raise her children. After a move to Sunapee, she worked for several years part time in a pediatric office. An active volunteer, she was a part of Child and Family Services in Simsbury and Women's Supportive Services in Sunapee and was a loyal Midd alum, serving for many years as class secretary. She is survived by her husband of 57 years, Bruce '50, sons Bruce '74 and Doug '87, daughter Carol Guay, and seven grandchildren. Deceased Middlebury relatives include uncle John Stearns '30. Surviving Middlebury relatives include cousin Robert Stearns '81.

51 **Percy A. Mack**, 83, of West Addison, Vt., on March 22, 2008. After serving as a tail gunner on a B-17 in WWII, he earned his bachelor's degree and moved with his wife to New Jersey for 16 years. In 1967 they returned to Vermont to take over a family farm where they worked until 1983. He volunteered in several capacities in his community and was a member of the American Legion and VFW. Predeceased by daughter Kathleen, survivors include wife Barbara (Harvan) '48, sons Patrick, William, Peter, Thomas, Michael, and Daniel, daughter Paula, nine grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren.

Parker Poole Jr., 82, of Cape Elizabeth, Maine, on May 20, 2008. He served in the Pacific theater with the 2nd Marine Division in WWII and was in the first unit to go into Nagasaki with the occupation. After attending Middlebury, he went to work for W.H. Shurtleff Co. Always interested in sustaining the Portland, Maine, waterfront, he committed himself full time to the improvement of Union Wharf in 1982 and became the president and wharfinger of Proprietors of Union Wharf. He and son Charlie created Custom Float Services, a builder of docks, floats, and piers. Predeceased by son Sam, he is survived by wife Victoria (Simes), sons Malcolm, Parker III, and Charles, daughters Christine Thomas and Alexandra Sawyer, 15 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

52 **Judson Ford Jr.**, 79, of Albuquerque, N.M., on May 29, 2008. He began his lifelong career as a construction manager with Sherman Construction Co., of Vienna, Va., before moving to Albuquerque where he worked on such projects as the New Mexico Museum of Natural History and Science, and various projects at Los Alamos National Laboratory. Preceded in death by former wife Jonna (Mauritzen) '52 and brother Charles '51, he is survived by wife MaryEllen Smith, son Kai, daughters Marjorie and Cynthia, stepsons David, Bob, and Tom Finch, and two grandchildren.

Dorothy Cobb MacKinnon, 78, formerly of Stamford, Conn., on April 6, 2008. With a master's in education from Western Conn. State Univ., she taught in the Stamford Public Schools and helped pioneer the open classroom method of teaching. For her outstanding achievements in education, she was named Connecticut Teacher of the Year in 1973. Predeceased by daughter Alison, she is survived by son Allan IV, daughter Toby, and three grandchildren.

53 **Ann Almquist Hartt**, 76, of Stowe, Vt., on May 24, 2008. After working in Washington, D.C., for the CIA, she moved to Montreal to start her family. Returning to the U.S. in 1964, she settled in Stowe where she worked in the school system for 28 years as a bookkeeper and as a Russian teacher for five years. After retirement she worked as the circulation manager for the *Stowe Reporter* until 2004. Survivors include sons Whitaker, Peter, and Tim, and six grandchildren.

55 **Robert W. Killeen**, 74, of Ballston, N.Y., on April 3, 2008. After earning an MA from SUNY-Albany, he began his career in education teaching world history in Gloversville, N.Y. He then taught and was an assistant principal in the Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake (N.Y.) school system. In 1973 he became the principal of Draper Junior-Senior High School in Schenectady, N.Y., and retired as principal of the Draper Middle School in the Mohonasen Central School District. Following retirement, he became the director of education at the Charlton School for Girls in Burnt Hills. Survivors include wife Phyllis, son Robert Jr., daughters Elizabeth and Rebecca, and five grandchildren. Surviving Middlebury relatives include brother Edward '54.

58 **Anthony C. Hilfer**, 71, of Austin, Texas, on April 11, 2008. After earning a master's from Columbia Univ. in 1960 and a Ph.D. from UNC-Chapel Hill in 1963, he began his 45-year tenure in the department of English at the Univ. of Texas-Austin. The Iris Howard Regents Professor of English Literature, he was also the longtime coeditor of *Texas Studies in Language and Literature*. He authored numerous books, articles, and reviews on a wide array of topics in American literature and culture. A renowned scholar of popular genres, he was especially interested in film, particularly film noir. He is survived by wife Jane (Koock), son Tom, two stepdaughters, and four step-grandchildren. Surviving Middlebury relatives include cousin William Hilfer '63.

59 **Harriet Falls Burnett**, 70, of Whittier, N.C., on April 29, 2008. She earned a master's from Tulane Univ. in 1972 and retired in 1998 from the New Orleans City Government as director of the department of safety and permits. She was also active in the League of Women Voters and Planned Parenthood of Louisiana. Survivors include husband Walter, daughter Karen, son Laird, and two grandsons.

Barry I. Croland, 70, of Haworth, N.J., on March 25, 2008. After graduating with a law degree from Rutgers Law School, he began a distinguished career that specialized in family law. He joined Shavick, Theos, Stern Schotz & Steiger in 1963 and later became a partner. In 1995 he cofounded Shapiro & Croland. From the early '70s, he involved himself in family law matters, serving on several state Supreme Court committees including matrimonial litigation, family court, and family part practice. He was cofounder and coeditor of *New Jersey Family Lawyer*, the magazine of the State Bar Association Family Law Section, of which he was an executive committee member. He was an original member of the American College of Family Trial Lawyers, had recently been chosen as a fellow of the American Bar Association, and was cofounder and president of the New Jersey Family Law Inn of Court which was renamed in his honor as the Barry I. Croland Family Law Inns of Court. He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Joan (Kohlreiter), son Richard, daughters Heidi, Lizabeth '84, and Jennifer '87, and 13 grandchildren. Surviving Middlebury relatives include cousin Andrew Klugman '90.

80 **Thomas Hirsch**, 49, of Quito, Ecuador, on April 12, 2008. After participating in varsity track and cross country at Middlebury, he continued to coach track after college. He worked as a secondary school teacher, was involved in the paper industry, and most recently was teaching English in Ecuador.

95 **Corie Jensen Perregaux**, 35, of San Diego, Calif., on April 16, 2008. After college she worked in the education and health care fields and started several small businesses, including Country Comfort Hand Lotion Bars. She loved cooking, tide-pooling, traveling, and animals. She is survived by mother Carol, father Harry, and brother Michael.

Jameson G. Thissell, 35, of Bow, N.H., on May 21, 2008. After earning his medical degree from Columbia Univ., he served as chief resident at Albany (N.Y.) Medical Center before taking a job with Concord Emergency Medical Associates at Concord (N.H.) Hospital. He enjoyed the outdoors, traveling, cooking, boating, and motorcycles. Survivors include wife Sarah (Wyatt) '95, daughters Rebecca and Victoria, son Nicholas, his parents, and two brothers.

99 **Shaun P. Esmond**, 33, of Hudson Falls, N.Y., on May 20, 2008. He enjoyed acting in theater, listening to music and watching movies, and debating politics. Survivors include mother Deborah and stepfather Mark, sister Erin, and stepbrothers Jason and Mark Maynard '96.

11 **Nicholas A. Garza**, 19, of Albuquerque, N.M., on February 6, 2008. An engaging, popular first-year, Nick made an impact on campus in his short time there. A lover of debate, hockey, politics, poetry, literature, and music, he shared his enthusiasm and good humor with everyone he met. Soon after arriving on campus, he introduced and hosted his own rock show called W.R.M. Sweet on the College's radio station, WRMC. He enjoyed intramural hockey and having intellectual dinner conversations. Survivors include mother Natalie, father Demetrius, and brother Damon.

Pavlov S. Levkiv, 19, of Rockaway, N.J., on August 1, 2008. Born in Kiev, Ukraine, he moved to New Jersey with his family and attended Newark Academy. A well-loved first-year at Middlebury, he was studying to be a physicist, taking quantum physics and relativity with older students and proving himself an exceptional student. He was the physics department's only first-year summer research assistant. Involved with the rugby team, he was also working to found a wrestling club. He loved hiking and swimming and could often be seen riding his bike around campus. Survivors include father Serhiy, mother Iryna, and sister Anna.

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Eleanor Harrington Collins, 89, of Middlebury, Vt., on June 16, 2008. A graduate of the Chandler School of Business, she was the office manager in the College's Admissions Office from 1963–1978. In 1978 she was named special assistant to the dean of admissions, a role she served in until her retirement in 1991. A member of St. Mary's Church, she played an active and dedicated role in the Catholic Daughters. Predeceased by daughter Lea, survivors include husband William, sons William '70 and James, and two grandchildren.

Edna Schneider Puls, 83, of Cornwall, Vt., on April 20, 2008. Joining the College staff in 1973, she worked as a secretary for 18 years, retiring from the Center for Counseling and Human Relations in 1991. She enjoyed photography, cross-country skiing, writing, swimming, and playing piano. Predeceased by husband Robert in 1978, she is survived by daughters Janet and Barbara, son Scott, and three grandchildren.

Lloyd P. Tatro, 96, of Bristol, Vt., on May 5, 2008. After farming for many years in Starksboro, he joined the College staff as a groundsworker in 1963 and worked 28 years. After retirement he became the caretaker for the estate of John Kirk '39 in Cornwall. He was passionate about gardening; he canned his own tomatoes and supplied neighbors with fresh vegetables every summer. Predeceased by wife Barbara (LaRose) and son Lloyd, he is survived by daughter Mary, sons Richard, Francis, James, and Michael, and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

LANGUAGE SCHOOLS

40 **Dorothy Scott Loos**, 89, MA French, of Guilford, Vt., on January 12, 2008. After receiving her doctorate in Hispanic studies from Columbia Univ., she taught Spanish and French at a variety of high schools and colleges in New York.

51 **George R. Brengle**, 84, MA English, of Silver Springs, Md., on March 27, 2008. He was a retired English and speech instructor at the Univ. of Tennessee-Martin.

Euclide Lague, 89, MA French, of Englewood, Fla., on April 24, 2008. A U.S. Navy veteran of WWII, he had a long teaching career.

57 **Frank A. Roberts**, 80, MA French, of Hamilton, N.Y., on January 8, 2008. He had a lifelong career as a private high school teacher in French, Spanish, and fine arts.

59 **Constance DeMuzio Kehoe**, 74, MA English, of Medford, Mass., on January 11, 2008. With a Ph.D. in English and Irish literature from Trinity College, Univ. of Dublin, Ireland, she taught at several colleges and universities. She was the coauthor of *Enjoying Ireland: What to See and Where to Go.*

64 **Evelyn M. Moyer**, 81, MA French, of West Brandywine, Pa., on March 15, 2008. She was a teacher of French, English, and Spanish for over 35 years at Kennett (Pa.) High School.

66 **Ruth Davis Clem**, 89, MA French, of Bethesda, Md., on March 14, 2008. For many years she taught French, German, and English in the school systems of Bethesda and Silver Spring. In the 1960s she was a cryptographist for the National Security Agency.

67 **Barbara J. Kailing**, 68, MA Spanish, of Albuquerque, N.M., on April 30, 2008. She taught elementary, secondary, and college level courses in several states as well as in Guatemala, Colombia, and Spain, finishing her career at William and Mary College. She also sang opera with a number of companies, including the Spanish Royal Theater in Madrid.

68 **Judyth Schaubhut Smith**, 64, MA Italian, of New York City, N.Y., on February 9, 2008. After teaching English to Italians in Florence and Bologna, Italy, she spent the later part of her life teaching and translating in NYC, including doing a translation for Pope John Paul II.

69 **Francis O. Richardson**, 71, MA English, of Greenville, N.Y., on March 20, 2006. After teaching several years in Saudi Arabia and Iran, he taught in various school systems in New York and taught classes at Greene County Correctional Facilities.

70 **Richard J. Dacey**, 66, MA English, of Lowell, Mass., on March 12, 2008. He was an English teacher at Lowell High School for over 30 years and was a member of the Massachusetts Teachers' Association.

76 **Margaret Rusk White**, 89, MA French, of Matthews, N.C., on January 18, 2008. She was active in the Experiment in International Living, taught at various colleges, and after retiring, was a part-time journalist.

88 **Marian Babirecki Labrum**, 64, DML Spanish, of Orem, Utah, on January 10, 2008. With a BA and MA from Brigham Young Univ., as well as her DML, she was a professor of Spanish and translation at BYU for 33 years and a visiting professor at Middlebury's Spanish School for 15 years.

TRUSTEE/HONORARY DEGREE

William E. Odom, 75, of Washington, D.C., on May 30, 2008. A 1954 graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, he was a career Army officer who retired as a lieutenant general and who served as a senior military and intelligence officer in the Carter and Reagan administrations. He earned his MA and Ph.D. in political science from Columbia and completed Russian language and Soviet area studies at the Army Language School and the U.S. Army Russian Institute. In 1987, he received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Middlebury. From 1972 to 1974, He served as a military attaché at the U.S. embassy in Moscow. Returning to the States, he taught at West Point, and in 1977, when Zbigniew Brzezinski became President Carter's national security adviser, he was named Brzezinski's military assistant. In 1985, he was named the director of the National Security Agency, after spending four years in Army intelligence. In 1988 he retired from the Army and NSA and began teaching at Yale. Over the years he wrote numerous books and articles and appeared frequently as a commentator on radio and television programs. General Odom was a valued member of the Middlebury community, offering wise and steady counsel as a member of the Board of Trustees, on which he served from 1987 to 1997. He is survived by wife Anne (Curtis) '58, son Mark '87, and a granddaughter.

IN MEMORIAM

William E. Odom

JUNE 23, 1932–MAY 30, 2008

BILL ODOM WAS A SOLDIER, A THINKER, AND MY TRUE FRIEND.

I admired his sense of duty. A proud West Pointer and a Ranger, a gutsy intelligence officer penetrating East Germany, a veteran of the Vietnam war, a daring military attaché in the Soviet Union (who smuggled out Solzhenitsyn's personal papers), Bill served with passionate commitment.

But his courage was not only physical, it was also civic. He was willing to speak truth to power. I first met him when he, a major fresh from Vietnam, made a presentation at Columbia University on the war—and I was struck by the cold candor of his analysis: critical, detached, unsparing. (I made a mental note: this is a person to watch.)

He displayed the same civic courage in being the first senior military to speak up publicly against the war in Iraq—and, way ahead of others, to urge U.S. disengagement.

Proud of his uniform, proud of the U.S. Army, immensely proud of the bravery displayed in combat in Iraq by his only son, General Odom—without mincing words—warned our leaders and our people of the damage that this unnecessary war of choice was inflicting on America in general and on our Army in particular.

I respected him as a profound and provocative thinker. Bill was a world-class strategist. I could talk at length regarding his contributions to U.S. defense policy. While on the NSC staff during the Carter years, he was the impulse and the key influence in shaping Presidential Directive 59 which redefined how—if ever necessary—the U.S. should conduct a nuclear war. He initiated in the late 1970s U.S. planning for a rapid deployment capability in the Middle East in the event of an external intrusion.

He had the intellectual boldness to conclude a comprehensive NSC assessment of the U.S.-Soviet rivalry with the then startling prediction that the Soviet bloc might break up before the end of the century. No wonder that in the 1980s Bill rose to head our nation's most sensitive intelligence agency, the NSA.

His intellectual horizons were wide and his mind creative. He wrote books ranging from authoritative studies of the Soviet military to ambitious examination of the new post-Cold War American empire. While heading the NSA, Bill became a key promoter of more advanced emphasis in America of the study of mathematics as the key to applied knowledge. He read widely in economics as the necessary component of geopolitics. He enjoyed teaching—and was a superb teacher, truly loved by his students.

I was struck by how much time he was prepared to devote to prolonged, informative, and relentlessly challenging discussions, conducted in Bill's spirited debating style of "take no prisoners"—which nonetheless stimulated intense loyalty among those exposed to it.

And yet despite that combative style, he encouraged independent judgment, not only in academia but also in the disciplined military setting—making it clear to subordinates that if they had a reasoned case to make, they should not fear to speak up.

He was passionate in his convictions—he hated the Soviet Union yet loved Russia—and both admired and was genuinely proud of his wife Anne's dedicated efforts to promote in America a deeper understanding of the richness and diversity of Russia's culture and of the warmth of the Russian people themselves.

I trusted him as a friend, totally. I knew that I could rely on him, come what may. He was truly an intellectual partner, political ally, and personal comrade. Our friendship deepened as the years went on. We increasingly shared the same concerns—we were outraged by what our leaders and their inspirers were doing to America—and we partook of similar misgivings regarding the long-term future unless there was a timely change of course in our national destiny.

It became a habit of ours to conduct an ongoing net assessment—by long evening telephone conversations, or after our regular and almost mindlessly competitive tennis games—of the latest developments or of the most pertinent books dealing with world affairs.

In our unending dialogues (alas, they did end), we were each other's sounding boards, sometimes even heated ones; we shared similar dislikes, sometimes passionately so (which, too, can be a bonding experience), and we advocated similar strategies.

The very week he died, we published a joint op-ed, warning against a U.S. or an Israeli-initiated war with Iran, and the best line in it (that "a policy of sticks and carrots may work with donkeys but not with serious states") was Bill's typically pungent way of summing up an argument.

Bill Odom brilliantly widened the intellectual horizons of many while never pulling punches in exposing the opportunistic shelters of conventional wisdom.

He served his country with relentless dedication for he was a relentless patriot.

He was inspirational: I was struck by how much my sons came to admire him and how affected they were when one day I shared with them the totally unexpected shattering news.

For me, he was my closest comrade in a shared commitment that spanned 40 years.

—Dr. Zbigniew Brzezinski delivered these remarks on September 8, 2008 at the Memorial Chapel of Fort Meyer, Virginia, following which William Odom was laid to rest with full military honors in Arlington National Cemetery.

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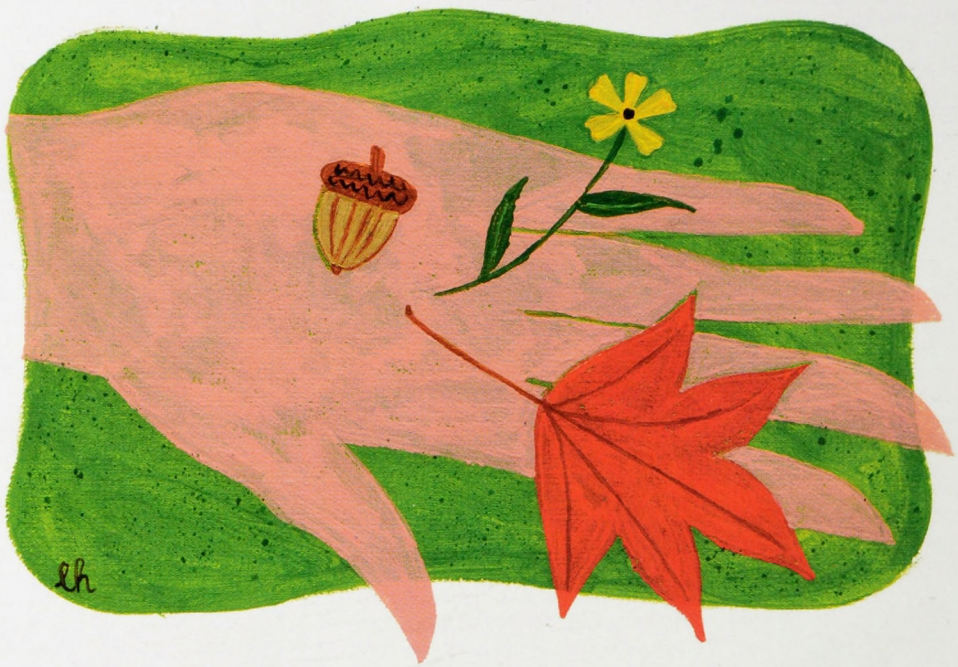
This Is Next

For many, autumn is the season for new beginnings.

By Gary Margolis '67



I CAN SEE THE BARN DOOR, but not the pasture. This fall, I began my 37th year of counseling Middlebury students. I'm thinking of what I say when parents and alumni ask me what's new about this class of freshmen, now called *first years,* and what is still old about them.

Students leave home and live with someone to whom they are assigned. They decide what to wear, how much to study (or not), how late to stay out and what to do when they do stay out. They see who they like and who likes them; who will really want to know them.

They are beginning, as students were encouraged in medieval universities, to find their place in the universe and to find wisdom. Imagine if we encouraged wisdom the first week of college in September, when they are trying to find where to buy books, where to do their laundry.

Freud (forgive me) said the goals of life were "*zu lieben und zu arbeiten,*" to love and to work. To that I add: to text, to Google, to Facebook. And to decide how to treat the inevitable and necessary symptoms, residues, and richness of life.

We can expect most students—during this "best four years of their lives"—will experience heart-rending loss, if they haven't already. I'm amazed at how many students, as teenagers, have had to grieve. A break-up. An exclusion. A death. I once proposed we rename our counseling center, "The Center for Grieving and Healing."

I'm also moved by how resilient they are—students who have endured crushing poverty, natural and man-made traumas, and other assaults to their bodies and souls. These are the students, too, who have survived and earned and found their way to Middlebury.

A student said, "How can I feel so sad at the same time I see that flowering crab apple tree outside my dorm window?" In his classes, he was reading about beauty and loss, and writing papers about what he was taught, what he was feeling and discovering on his own. In his labs, he was learning to count and observe how things change, what things remain the same. He was feeling what Walt Whitman wrote: "I am large, I contain multitudes." He was embodying contradictions.

Middlebury students, over this career of years, have allowed me to listen to the heart of what they say; what they express in the privacy of a counselor's office, so they can say what they need, to their roommates and sisters, mothers and fathers. So they can stand up, as here in Vermont at a town meeting, and say what they need to say. Or anywhere their true voices are needed.

There's a barn I can almost see across the fields from my office window. These days, my colleagues ask me, "What are you going to do next?"

"This is next," I like to say.

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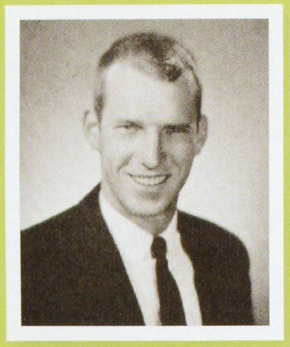

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